



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.

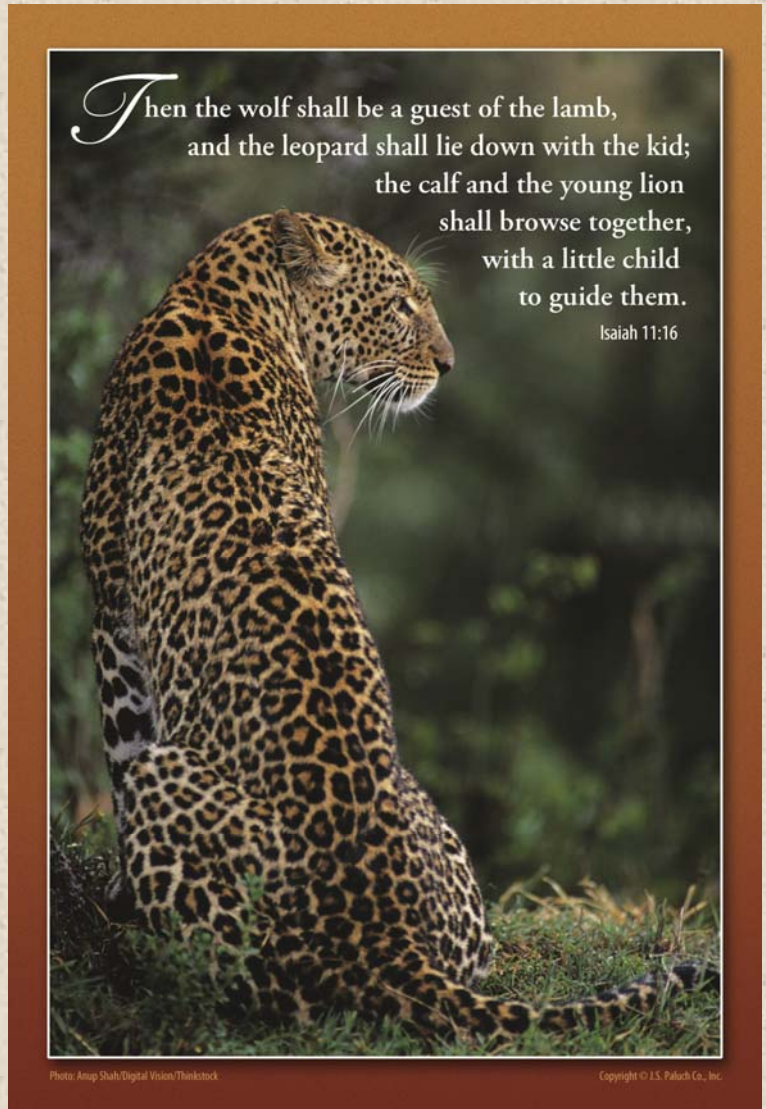
OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

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.



Second Sunday of Advent
December 8, 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:

In today's gospel we encounter John the Baptist. His life is spent preparing minds and hearts for the saving presence of God, who is to come. He has a very simple purpose, to call people to repentance because the "kingdom of heaven is close at hand."

The baptism that John proclaims is an opportunity to reestablish the harmony between our words and our actions. Being a Christian is not magical. We are not simply baptized as an infant or an adult and then not required to do anything else.

Baptism may be a unique and one time event in our lives, but it has everlasting consequences for our whole life. We don't work for the advancement of our own kingdom or agenda. But we are called to help prepare the kingdom of God.

My hope and prayer for each of us here is that like John the Baptist, we also are able to lead others to follow Jesus through our actions and our example.



From Deacon Don's desk:

St. Charles Borromeo, bishop, writes: "Now is the acceptable time spoken of by the Spirit, the day of salvation, peace and reconciliation: the great season of **Advent**. In His infinite love for us God, though we are sinners, He sent His Son to train us in right conduct, to plant in us the seeds of virtue, to enrich us with the treasures of His grace and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life. The church asks us to understand that Christ, who came once in flesh is prepared to come again. When we remove all obstacles to His presence, He will come at any hour and moment to dwell spiritually in our hearts bringing with Him riches of His grace. Our hearts should be as much prepared for the coming of Christ as if He were still to come into this world."

St. Anselm, bishop: "Through the fullness of the grace that was given you, Blessed Lady, dead things rejoice in their freedom and those in heaven are glad to be made new. God, then, is the Father of the created world and Mary the mother of the **re-created** world. God is the Father by whom all things were given life, and Mary the mother through whom all things were given new life. For God begot the Son through whom all things were made, and Mary gave birth to Him as the Savior of the world. Without God's Son, nothing could exist; without Mary's Son nothing could be redeemed. Truly the Lord is with you, to whom the Lord granted that all nature should owe as much to you as to Himself."

OUR PRAYER: Heavenly Father, You made the Immaculate Virgin Mary Your purest home and the sanctuary of the Holy Spirit. Help us to imitate Your Immaculate daughter, Mary, in her love for You. Grant us the grace to **love You** in thoughts, words and actions. 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

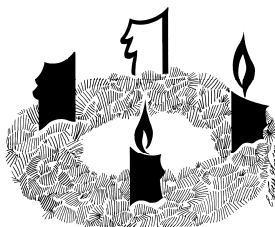
Dec. 11 - 7:00 p.m.
Dec. 12 - 8:00 a.m.

Save the date!



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.



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



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!

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)
 Questions: Religious education office, 598-0519.

"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.

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 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12
 Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
 Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14
 Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
 Thursday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
 Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
 Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
 Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

The Catholic Tour LLC has been able to secure just 120 air seats and hotel beds for the Holy Father's Canonization Ceremony for Popes John XXIII and John Paul II in Rome. The pilgrimage is April 21/22 - 28/29. Come and see our new Holy Father Pope Francis on this historic occasion. Email jimadair@thecatholictour.com or call toll free, 877-627-4268 for information and reservations.

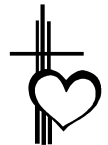
Confirmation Year 2 retreat **Jan 17-19**. As it is a weekend retreat, we are asking parishioners to help donate snacks and water. Please drop them off at the rectory. Thank you for your support and prayers!

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 three service projects a year, this can be one of them!

Youth Ministry!

We are having a Christmas Caroling progressive dinner event **Dec. 15** at 5pm. Please RSVP ASAP. A \$5 donation will be going to the Boys & Girls Club for Christmas. More details of the event will be posted on the bulletin board located in the school hall. This is also an opportunity for a service project! Hope you can join us!

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



"The Spirit of God dwells in our hearts in silence." John Main, OSB

A message of Love and Hope... A Retreat with Immaculee Illabageeza! 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.)

Fingerprinting Schedule

San Pedro Region fingerprinting schedule for volunteers with our parish children, please call for an appointment:
Dec. 14 - St. Peter Chanel, Hawaiian Gardens, 562-924-7591

Did You Know? Avoid breastfeeding in bed, say experts - Experts recommend to avoid breastfeeding in bed when the mother has not had enough sleep, or in any situation where there are high probabilities they may fall asleep while breastfeeding. The mother should never take prescription medications (unless under the care of a physician), drugs, or alcohol that might make her drowsy or impair her judgment when breastfeeding, and she should always put the baby back in his or her own crib or basinet before she falls asleep. The baby should always sleep on his or her back for naps and at night. To learn more about SIDS/Safe Infant Sleep Practices, please visit <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/mch/sids/sids.htm>



St. Joseph's Heartbeat God ♥ all

Dec. 11 - 13 - Christmas Party at Laughlin. See below.
Dec. 16 - Christmas Luncheon. Gifts - Precious Life Shelter.
Happy New Year!
Jan. 6 - Social/game gathering/Business meeting. **2014 dues \$10/person are due, please see Jean Longaberger.**
Jan. 20 - Social/game gathering
Feb. 3 & 17 - Social/game gathering/Business meeting
Mar. 3 & 17 - Social/game gathering
Apr. 7 & 21 - Social/game gathering/Business meeting
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.

Help aging sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. "Each year the need to provide for our elderly (members) becomes more pressing, and we are ever more grateful for these providential funds," writes a religious sister about the financial assistance received from the **Retirement Fund for Religious**. Your donation helps provide necessities, prescription medication and nursing care. Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

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

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.

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

Dec. 14-15 - 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.

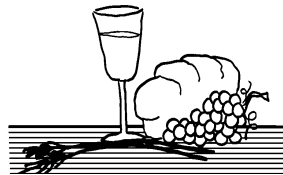
Holiday Living History Dec. 14, 8-5. Explore the museum, enjoy tours led by the Dominguez sisters, appetizers and desserts, holiday craft making, dancing and music, toy drive. At 5 pm the holiday lights are turned on as **our St. Joseph choir** performs in the front gardens. Donation of \$4.

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.

St. Hedwig Catholic Church's 34th Annual Christmas Dinner, Christmas day, 1:00 p.m., 11482 Los Alamitos Blvd. **Reservations required by Dec. 22**, 562-598-7060. No charge. Do you know someone who will be alone? There will be families to share their love and prayers, a bounty of food, singing, and much, much more!

Servite High School Information Night, Dec. 9, 6:30 PM, 2721 Coleridge Drive, Los Alamitos, 90702. Mr. & Mrs. Matt & Grace Masterson welcome all parents and students of 6th, 7th and 8th students. This event is to provide information to families regarding Servite as well as to give them a picture of what they can expect in the high school experience. All are welcome to attend and learn more about all the opportunities for your son at Servite: Innovative Formation Program, Superior Academic Curriculum, Coming Soon 2-to-1 Tablet PC Program (the most advanced high school technology program in OC), Championship Athletic Program and Nationally Ranked Theater program. RSVP admissions@servitehs.org

Mass Intentions



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

MONDAY, December 9

8:00 a.m. - Carlos and Sandy Delgado

TUESDAY, December 10

8:00 a.m. - † Bobby San Jose

WEDNESDAY, December 11

8:00 a.m. - † Pete Anselmo

7:00 p.m. - † Zenon Popinski

THURSDAY, December 12

8:00 a.m. - † Elaine Riordan

FRIDAY, December 13

8:00 a.m. - Bobby San Jose

SATURDAY, December 14

5:00 p.m. - † Frank Patonai

SUNDAY, December 15

7:30 a.m. - † Mary Kielbasa

9:00 a.m. - † Francisco Valenzuela

10:30 a.m. - † Sgt. Michael Tetreault, Jr.

12:30 p.m. - † John Anselmo

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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| 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, Charles Schad, Claudia Reasoner & Michael Meylor.

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
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	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	594-4657
	sfcuda@yahoo.com	
BIBLE STUDY	Rita Smith	714-761-4376
BAPTISM PREPARATION	Olga Cuda	594-4657
BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY	Dave Desmond	429-3316
MEDITATION	Marie Mitchell	310-490-4012
	Fr. Will Connor	
SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES	Dcn. Don & Tina Gath	598-5202

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS TO THE SICK

Ann Crowley	594-7575
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PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

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FINANCE COUNCIL	Moses Bass	
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	www.stjosephlb.org	
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