



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.

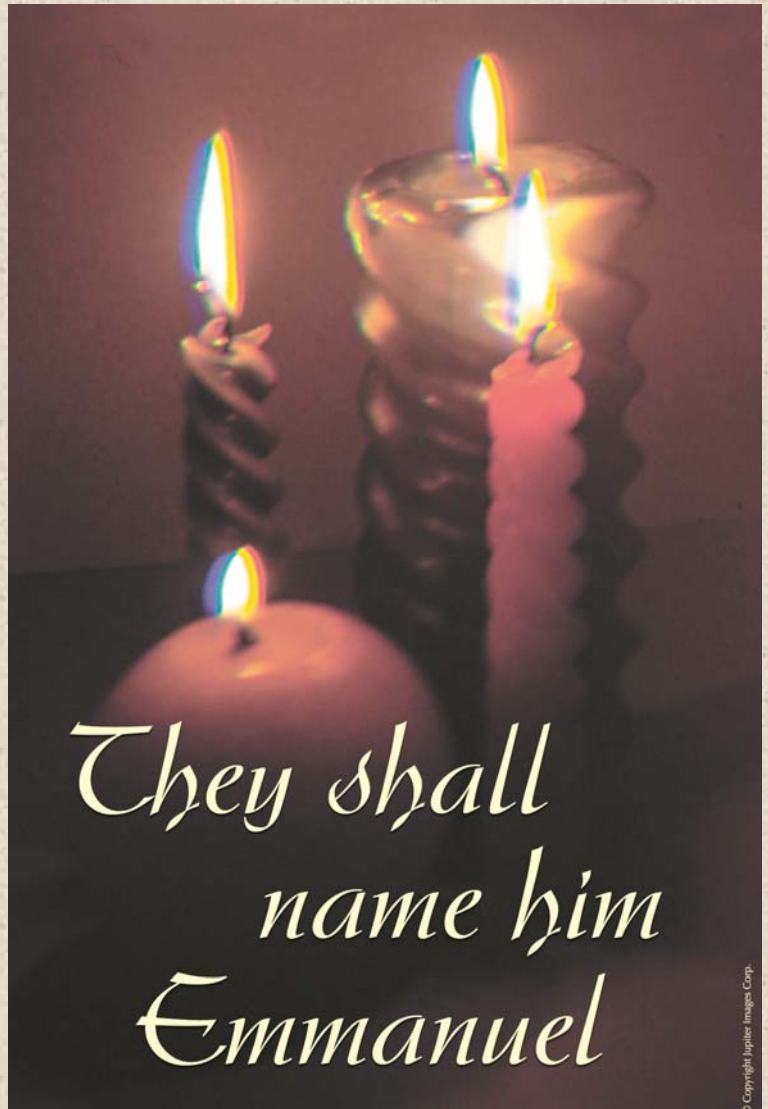
OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

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.



Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 22, 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 things can occur in our life leaving us puzzled and troubled. How are we supposed to be able to do the things that seem impossible?

How can we believe in the words of those close to us, when their words seem to be so impossible? Are their words lies? How can we be trusting when the world is so complicated and human relationships are so fragile? We all have moments of doubt, particularly in cases where we must make difficult decisions.

Today's gospel brings us a similar story during the moments when Joseph had his doubts regarding Mary. Surely we can sympathize with Joseph's situation of pure uncertainty. The word given to him is: have no fear ... God is with us.

On many occasions we have to perform that same act of faith and trust, believing that in that same doubt and lack of light, God is there with us, and Jesus becomes one with us to understand our feelings and grant us hope and light.

This is the God we await for this Christmas, a God who arrives in the midst of the world to change it.



CHRISTMAS LITURGIES

Christmas Vigil - Tuesday, December 24
4:00p.m., 6:00p.m., and 9:00p.m.

Christmas Day - Wednesday, December 25
9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

New Year's Eve - Tuesday, December 31, 8:00 a.m.

New Year's Day - (not a holy day of obligation)
Wednesday, January 1, 8:00 a.m.



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.



From Deacon Don's desk:

It's time to revisit the Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen's last Christmas message: "Our Lord came to earth to experience what it's like when we are disappointed: for not getting the birthday gifts we expected... **but** He also came to teach us we would never be disappointed if we found that Love we fall short of in all loves; if we learn to see that next to His Presence in the Blessed Sacrament, our neighbor is the most **Christ-like** object we will ever know; and if we learn to admit the dirt in the stable of our lives, we will have found the **first** sign of His Presence in us. **Then** we will understand that if He relieved us of every disappointment, **if** he gave us only nice, new things, we might forget **Him** and that would rob us of the joy of wishing one another **Merry Christmas!**"

Jesus comes to remind us that we are prophets. When you were baptized, you were anointed with holy chrism as "priest, **prophet** and king." The world needs prophets to live our faith so as to bring others joy.

OUR PRAYER: Heavenly Father, Your eternal Word took flesh on our earth when the Virgin Mary placed her life at the service of Your plan. Lift our minds in watchful hope to hear the voice which announces His glory and open our minds to receive the Spirit who prepares us for His coming. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

May your Christmas be filled with his love.



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!

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

Pro Life Corner - Right to life is the fundamental right of every individual - both born and unborn. We have the power to restore the dignity of the human person.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - 598-0519

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

Early Childhood - No Class today--Merry Christmas!
No Class next week--Happy New Year!

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."

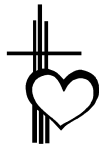
Philippians 4:13

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.

**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

Pope Francis has called a "synod," a special meeting of the world's bishops, to discuss the pastoral challenges facing families today. To help prepare for this Synod, which will be held in October 2014, the Vatican has sent a survey to every archdiocese and diocese in the world.

Archbishop José H. Gomez and the Archdiocesan Family Life Office would like Catholics to assist in responding to the Vatican's survey. To that end, the Archdiocese has developed an on-line survey and is inviting Catholics to take part. All information provided will remain anonymous and confidential. The results of this survey will not be published and the findings will be provided only to the Synod of Bishops.

All Catholics in the Archdiocese are invited to participate. Further information and background, along with the survey can be found at: <http://surveys.la-archdiocese.org/>

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!



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.)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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| Sunday: | Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24 |
| Monday: | Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66 |
| Tuesday: | 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79 |
| Wednesday: Vigil: | Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25] |
| Night: | Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14 |
| Dawn: | Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20 |
| Day: | Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14] |
| Thursday: | Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22 |
| Friday: | 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8 |
| Saturday: | 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18 |
| Sunday: | Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-5; Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23 |



St. Joseph's Heartbeat God ♥ all

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

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.

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

St. Joseph High School Application Deadline is January 10. Don't forget to apply! Applications are available to print or submit online at www.sj-jester.org

Fingerprinting Schedule

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

Jan. 15 - St. Dominic Savio, Bellflower, 562-920-7796

Jan. 31 - Our Lady of the Rosary, Paramount, 562-602-0086

Did You Know? Santa Safety - Here are some simple guidelines for parents, guardians, and grandparents to employ to make sure that children have a safe and happy visit with Santa's helper: When your child is with Santa's helper, consider encouraging him or her to stand next to Santa or sit on the floor between his feet rather than sitting on his lap. Let your child know that it's okay to tell Santa what he or she wants for Christmas, but that he or she should also tell Mom and Dad because they are also Santa's helpers...Secret surprises are special, but no adult should ask a child to keep secrets from the child's parents. Make sure that the Santa visit is out in the open - or make sure that parents, guardians, and grandparents are included in the interaction.

For copy of the VIRTUS® article "Safety for Children and Santa Helpers," email jvienna@la-archdiocese.org.

"Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Emmanuel." Is 7:14



Christmas Support - Our sincerest thanks be to God for the generosity of the parish in supporting 87 families in need this Christmas season. May the love and peace of the Christ Child bless you and your families. Merry Christmas!

Feb 1 - 2: Homeless Kit Drive - Collecting homeless hygiene kits in support of our St. Joseph homeless ministry. Would you like to share in the fulfillment of our ministry? Call Tim Clark, 431-4385. Blue Skip-a-Meal envelope donations support our program.

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!

Together in Mission

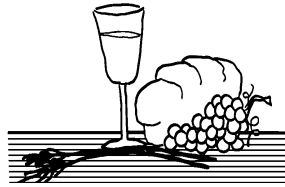
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| Parish Goal: | \$54,990 |
| Pledged: | 48,982 |
| Paid: | 48,292 |

You are invited to join Fr. Joseph Parathanal of Holy Family Church, South Pasadena, Pilgrimages to:
May 2014-Grand European Marian Pilgrimage-Medjugorje, Portugal, France, Spain & Italy.
Sept. 2014-St. Thomas, Mother Teresa, St. Alphonsa-Grand Tour to India
Contact Bernadette at bcorp1114@hotmail.com or call (323-344-1548 or 323-547-6618).

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.

Italy and the Canonization of Popes John Paul II and John XXIII with Fr. Carl Bell - Join Father Carl Bell for this "once in a lifetime opportunity." Come and see our new Holy Father Pope Francis on this historic occasion, where our beloved popes will be canonized. This 13 day pilgrimage throughout Italy and at Rome for the canonization will be **April 18-30, 2014**. For more information and reservations, please contact Ronald Haller at ronaldhallertravel@gmail.com or (714)746-4199 or Claudia Venegas at claudiatravelholyland@gmail.com or (714)414-2038.

Mass Intentions



SATURDAY, December 21

5:00 p.m. - † Bob Maney

SUNDAY, December 22

7:30 a.m. - † Don Pedneault

9:00 a.m. - † Cruz Aragon

10:30 a.m. - † Domingo Dizon

12:30 p.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners

MONDAY, December 23

8:00 a.m. - Edward Martin

TUESDAY, December 24

4:00 p.m. - † Carol Manion

6:00 p.m. - † John DeRuyter

9:00 p.m. - Christmas Remembrance

WEDNESDAY, December 25

9:00 a.m. - † Edward and Mary Dondero

10:30 a.m. - Munda and Reyes family

12:30 p.m. - † Lorenzo Sr. and Antonietta Gigliotti

THURSDAY, December 26

8:00 a.m. - Christmas Remembrance

FRIDAY, December 27

8:00 a.m. - Christmas Remembrance

SATURDAY, December 28

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

SUNDAY, December 29

7:30 a.m. - † Maria and Domingo Dang

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

10:30 a.m. - Fr. Jimmy Martin

12:30 p.m. - † Teresa Anselmo

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, Gene Adam, Carlito Siagon, Robert Young, Nelson Molina, Adam Duntze, Margaret Reily, Karen Muccino, Charles Schad, Claudia Reasoner Michael Meylor, Olga Kocovar & Brooke Manning.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

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| 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

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| 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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| 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

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| 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 Mitchell Fr. Will Connor | 310-490-4012 |
| SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES | Dcn. Don & Tina Gath | 598-5202 |

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS TO THE SICK

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| Ann Crowley | 594-7575 |
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PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

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| PASTORAL COUNCIL | Margee Infante | 537-8210 |
| FINANCE COUNCIL | Moses Bass | |
| 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