



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.



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary
and Joseph

December 29, 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 Jesus and his family are uprooted and his home destroyed. Jesus, Mary and Joseph are forced into exile in order to escape the wrath of the tyrant, Herod. Herod had nightmares about rivals that were out to take his throne away from him. His dreams were based on fear. Joseph on the other hand has quiet dreams, in which God's guidance is given to him in order for him to protect Jesus and his wife, Mary.

And here is found a simple yet profound lesson for us. If our actions are motivated by fear, then we are in danger of doing terrible things, as Herod did. If our actions are motivated by a quiet confidence in the goodness and providence of God, then there is every reason to be hopeful that we can make a better today and hopefully a brighter tomorrow.

The gospel tells us that after the trouble with Herod, Joseph and Mary settled in Nazareth with Jesus, where he grew in wisdom, age and grace. May this central message of the gospel find a home within each one of us.



Today's **Feast of the Holy Family** is relatively new in the Church's calendar. At the end of the nineteenth century, marriage and family life were in a state of change. Associations arose all over the world for the purpose of defending the family. In response to the growing need for focus on family life, the Church created the Feast of the Holy Family. Obviously the need for this feast is still acute today.

We know very little about the family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. All of what we know appears in the three Gospels chosen for the three-year cycle of readings for this feast. Today we hear the story of the family's flight into Egypt. As is the case with the other Gospel accounts, this scripture reminds us that the Holy Family was not living in a cocoon, sheltered from the joys and struggles of everyday life. Joseph feared for their lives. This family knew the meaning of real struggle. Let us pray that we will be inspired by the Holy Family to strengthen the bonds that exist among family members and among members of our Eucharistic assembly.

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



Happy New Year!

Wishing each of you a most happy and blessed new year. May the love of Christ fill your hearts to overflowing!

On this World Day of Prayer for Peace, January 1, may you experience the peace of Christ in your life and may that peace continue every day of the new year.

LOVE

For generations, various cultures regarded family life merely as a utilitarian necessity. Sirach introduces honor and respect. For Jews and Christians alike, the value of family goes even further. The family is seen as the indispensable school where love is learned. Paul addresses the Colossians and offers a list of virtues that make for a solid and happy church. These values also make for a happy family at ease with itself and its members: mercy, kindness, humility, meekness, patience, forgiveness. As a capstone, Paul urges love, which brings all of these domestic virtues to perfection.

Paul seems to be on a roll as he lauds the virtues of the church at Colossae. With such heartfelt virtues, it is no wonder Paul bursts into song. Who wouldn't? It's clear that the center of the church is love. It is clear that no matter how far from home the members travel, the heart remains and all the members are connected by the gravitational pull of mutual love, a love first learned in family life.

Rest in Peace

Died in Christ:

Robert Young



The object of a new year is not that we should have a new year, but rather that we should have a new soul.

G. K. Chesterton

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--Happy New Year! We hope you have all had a restful and joyful holiday season. Class begins again next week! See you all at 9 AM on Sunday.

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.

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



Meditation is a gentle opening of our inward eye.

"I pray that your inward eye may be illumined."

St. Paul

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: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-5; Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
 Monday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
 Wednesday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
 Thursday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
 Friday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34
 Saturday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42
 Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

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!

"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.

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.)

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/>

Together in Mission

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



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.

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? How to communicate with those showing inappropriate behavior with children

- How should you communicate your concerns to someone who may be behaving inappropriately with children? The "I" message is a simple way to reframe what you want to say so that the listener hears you speak of your feelings and concerns rather than hearing a complaint against themselves. The "I" message, simply diagrammed is: "I feel" (feeling) when (situation) because (reason). For example, you can say: "I feel anxious when you drive a child home alone after religious education classes, because that could put you or the child in a potentially risky situation." It is a much more constructive approach than saying: "You shouldn't be driving children home alone because it is against the rules and puts them in danger."

Christmas Support - Our sincerest *thank you* for the generosity of the parish in supporting 87 families in need this Christmas season. Highlights: 250+ volunteers, Religious Education food drive and Baby Show-er for Jesus, School food drive, \$4,500+ Skip-a-Meal food purchases, 350+ Christmas presents, 66 community supported and 19 adopted families. God is good . . . *and so are you!!*



Feb 1 - 2: Homeless Kit Drive - Collecting homeless hygiene kits in support of our St. Joseph homeless ministry. Can you help? Call Tim Clark, 431-4385. Blue Skip-a-Meal envelope donations are especially in need through the holidays.

Knights of Columbus Blood Drive - Sunday Jan 12 from 8:15 to 2:30 in the parish hall. Sign ups are done online at: redcrossblood.org Code: JosephLB

For more information contact: Pat Murach 562 343 1594

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

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 ronaldhaller-travel@gmail.com or (714)746-4199 or Claudia Venegas at claudiatravelholyland@gmail.com or (714)414-2038.

Mass Intentions



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

MONDAY, December 30

8:00 a.m. - † Halina Kamocka

TUESDAY, December 31

8:00 a.m. - † Susan Wilhelm

WEDNESDAY, January 1

8:00 a.m. - † Maria and Domingo Dang

THURSDAY, January 2

8:00 a.m. - † Margaret Stahl

FRIDAY, January 3

8:00 a.m. - † Fred Koetsier

SATURDAY, January 4

5:00 p.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners

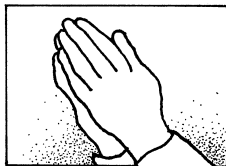
SUNDAY, January 5

7:30 a.m. - † Ruth Kielbasa

9:00 a.m. - † Ann Vezzetti

10:30 a.m. - † Kellee Murchison-Bennett

12:30 p.m. - † Erik Pihl



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, Vinny Petronio, Autumn Majors, Gary Hillebrecht, Gene Adam, Carlito Siagon, Nelson Molina, Adam Duntze, Margaret Reilly, Karen Muccino, Charles Schad, Claudia Reasoner, Michael Meylor, Olga Kocevar, Brooke Manning & Joanne Rossello.

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
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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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
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to the rectory or to bulletin@stjosephlb.org