



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.

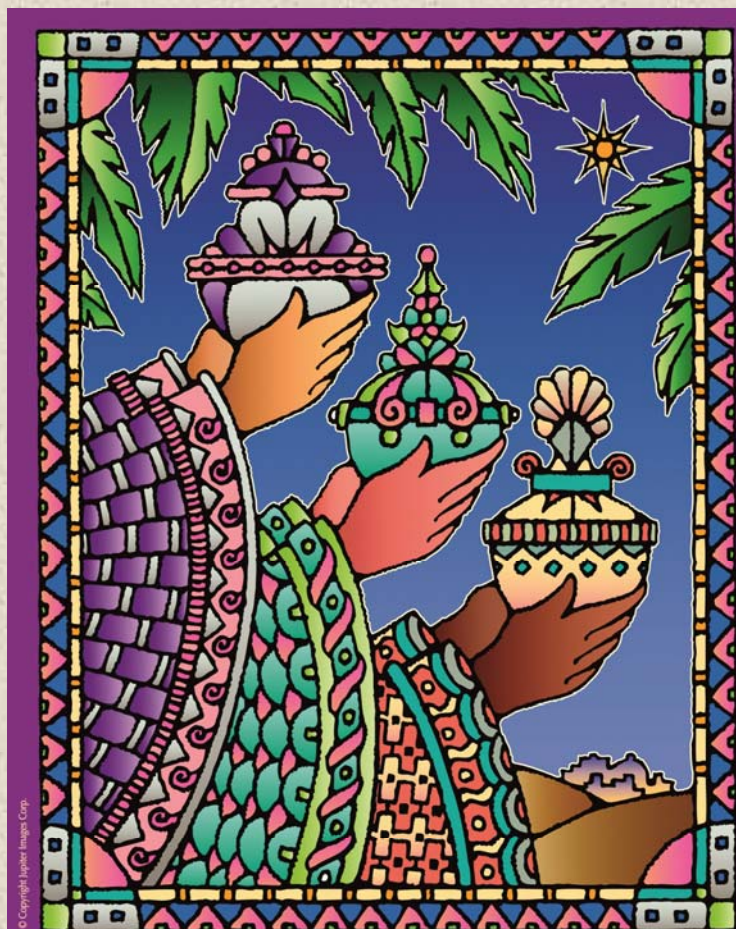
OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

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.



**Lord, every nation
on earth will adore you**

The Epiphany of the Lord
January 5, 2014

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 the Gospel reading this weekend, through the story of the magi, what St. Matthew seems to be saying is that God intended all races and all cultures to seek and to find Jesus. And yet, sometimes, the temptation to think of people who are different as also being inferior to us can still be very strong.

Think how political loyalty or social standing can lead us to have very uncharitable thoughts toward other people who don't share the same position that we do.

We can find it more comfortable to believe the worst about these people rather than ask if they might have discovered something we've missed. It's not always easy even to see that as a possibility, let alone to admit it. It also wasn't easy for Matthew's readers to accept the fresh vision of the Gospel, the vision of being open to all peoples equally.

My hope and prayer for each of us is that we may grow in our ability to love one another as Christ loves us, setting aside those surface differences, and accepting everyone that we meet as our equals in Christ.



The Light of Faith

The first reading today is charged with the glory of the Lord. Everyone who can come to the holy city does come - whole caravans of people of all ages on foot and on dromedaries and camels.

This description of an irresistible light-filled city prepares us for the story of the magi. They are guided by their own lights - their study of astronomy and astrology - and by the light of a peculiar star. Their study tells them that an unusual event in the heavens is a sign of an extraordinary birth on earth. They mean to find out about this, and they set out with gifts worthy of a king. They are welcomed into an insignificant house in Bethlehem, offer gifts befitting a king, and receive the gift of faith.

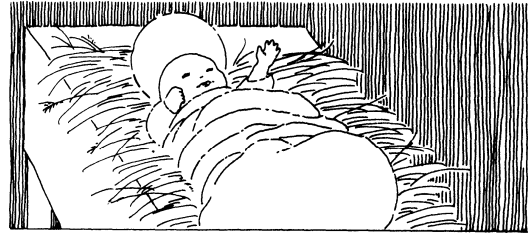
Paul reinforces the great gift of faith available to the Gentiles, whom the magi represent. What they have seen has changed them, just as it changed Paul and all who heeded his proclamation. Like the magi and like Paul, we are invited to receive this life that is filled with the light of faith.

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

From Luis Estrada, Seminarian:

I send my Christmas greetings to all the families of St. Joseph parish. My deepest wishes for this Christmastime are that the light of Our Lord Jesus Christ may shine brightly in the hearts of each member of your family and each member of our community of St. Joseph Church.

Blessings,
Luis Estrada
5012 Seminary Rd.
Camarillo, CA 93012



CHRIST IS IN OUR MIDST

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

Treasures from Our Tradition

Before long, people will be throwing Mardi Gras beads in the streets of New Orleans - purple, gold, and green. A few will be in on the secret: the colors of the beads are derived from the gifts of the magi, gold for wealth, purple for power, green for good health. The gifts are also a key to the identity of the Christ Child: the incense for God; the gold for a king; the myrrh, fragrant burial ointment for one who comes to die.

Tonight, be sure to light the Christmas lights, and gather at the crèche for a favorite carol and a prayer.

Rest In Peace

Died in Christ:

Josefina Freijanes



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.

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.

A Message of Love and Hope... A Retreat with Immaculee Ilibagizee! 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.)

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.

Married? Great! You are just who we are looking for to help **Catholic Engaged Encounter** prepare engaged couples for marriage. Whether you have been married two months or forty plus years, we need your help. What better way to start **2014** than with a resolution to share your sacrament of matrimony! **Catholic Engaged Encounter** provides free training based upon your busy life-style. Call Paciano and Molly Diaz, 310-729-5890, visit our website at www.CEEofLA.org or email us at: MollyandPaciano@gmail.com

Together in Mission

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

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.

**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

Today's Readings

First Reading - Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The Lord shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

Psalm - Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

Second Reading - The mystery has been made known that the Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Gospel - Magi from the east arrived, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews?" (Matthew 2:1-12).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12
Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30
Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10; Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17



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! YLI casino trip to Harrah's Rincon will leave from El Dorado Park on Friday morning, **Jan. 31**, at 8:30 a.m. Tickets are \$16. Proceeds go to our seminary fund and other charities. For tickets call Mary Brown, 598-0842.

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? The Lord is with us every moment - Remind young people that the Lord is not only present at church, but with us in every moment. If they do not have one already, consider giving them a physical reminder that they can keep with them throughout their day. This could be a prayer card to keep in their school binder, a saint medal to wear around their neck, or even a rosary to keep in their pocket. If you would like a copy of the article "Ten ways to finish the Year of Faith well," email: jvienna@la-archdiocese.org.

Movement for a Better World expresses their sincerest gratitude for the parish's generous support of our Christmas Food and Gift Distribution. Over 400 gifts were contributed to our Christmas Gift Drive. Two separate parish food drives, and your Skip-a-Meal donations enabled us to support 88 local families in need for Christmas. Thank 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 claudiatravelholylnd@gmail.com or (714)414-2038.

Mass Intentions



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

MONDAY, January 6

8:00 a.m. - † Sam Kim

TUESDAY, January 7

8:00 a.m. - † Robert Young

WEDNESDAY, January 8

8:00 a.m. - † Johanna Van Leeuwen

THURSDAY, January 9

8:00 a.m. - † Grace Meier

FRIDAY, January 10

8:00 a.m. - † Suzanne Wilhelm

SATURDAY, January 11

5:00 p.m. - † Botelho & Salvate family

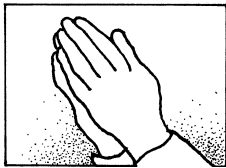
SUNDAY, January 12

7:30 a.m. - Barbara Reilly

9:00 a.m. - † Ann Vezzetti

10:30 a.m. - † Josefina Freijanes

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



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, Ray Willey & Robert Taylor.

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
ADMINISTRATIVE 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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	www.stjosephlb.org	
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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
PLEASE SUBMIT NOTICES, WITH YOUR NAME & PHONE, to the rectory or to bulletin@stjosephlb.org