



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.

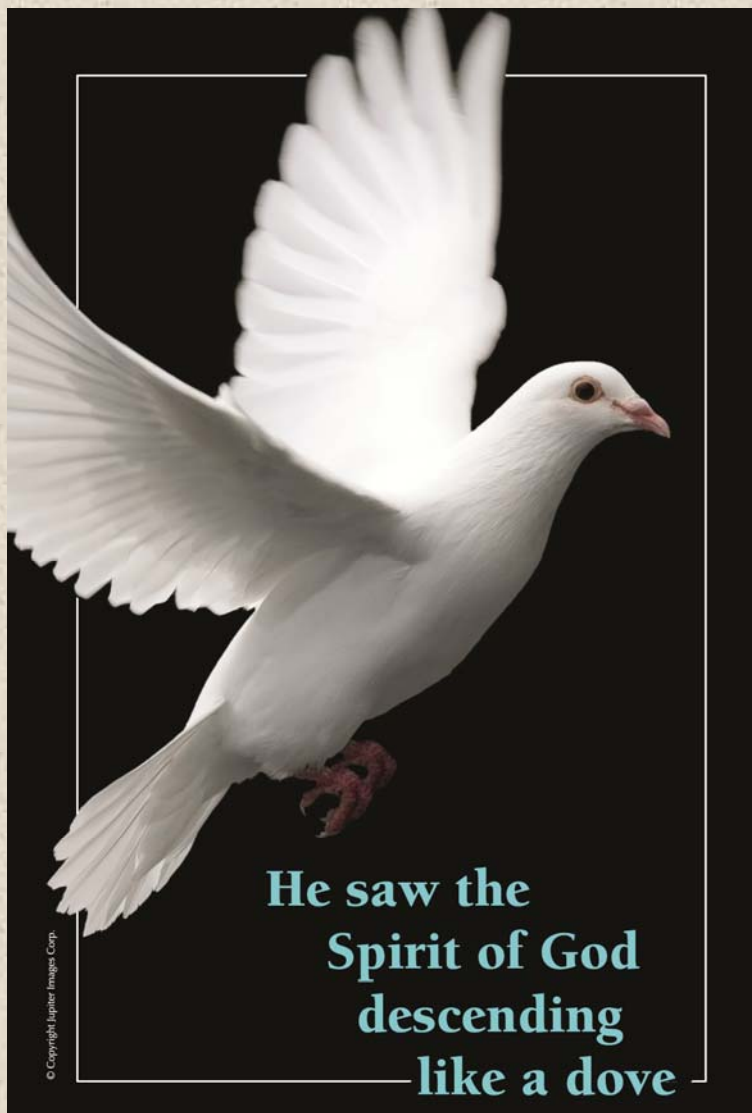
OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

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 Baptism of the Lord
January 12, 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:

Today's gospel tells us about the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River and how the spirit of God descended like a dove upon him. We are told that a voice spoke from heaven, "This is my son, the beloved, and my favor rests upon

him."

Peter tells us in the second reading that after God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit and with the power, he went about doing good. Jesus begins his mission and fulfills what Isaiah speaks about in the first reading. The chosen one would bring true justice to the nations and serve the cause of the right.

The mission is for everyone. Peter tells us that God doesn't have favorites. Jesus' spirit shows itself to be the creative power of God in the world, who calls each of us to the fullness of life. Jesus' experience of the Spirit and his response to that voice can be seen in every following story of the gospel. He is now a man with a mission.

Baptism is the ordination of every follower of Jesus to that same mission. May each of us come to a fuller understanding that we all have this tremendous power within us. We have the power to pursue peace and justice in the world. But our mission is not one that we undertake alone. The presence of the Holy Spirit always inspires and empowers us.



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - Isaiah speaks of the Servant whom the LORD upholds; he shall bring forth justice to the nations (Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7).

Psalm - The Lord will bless his people with peace (Psalm 29).

Second Reading - Jesus was anointed by God with the Holy Spirit; he went out healing and doing good (Acts 10:34-38).

Gospel - A voice comes from heaven proclaiming Jesus as the beloved Son, with whom God is well pleased (Matthew 3:13-17).



I would like to share with you something we all need to ponder:

Pope Paul VI in 1964 addressed us: "Nazareth is a kind of school where we begin to discover what Christ's life was like and even to **understand the gospel**. We ponder the simple appeal of the way

God's Son came to be known. And gradually we may even learn to imitate Him. Here we can learn to realize who Christ really is. We take account of the conditions that affected His life: the places, culture, language, religious customs, everything Jesus used to make Himself known to the world. Here everything has meaning. We are close to Mary, learning the lesson of life, learning again God's truths. But we are only on pilgrimage. First, we learn from **silence**. We hope and want to appreciate its great value. Second, we learn about **family life**. The Nazareth model reflects what family should be: its holy and enduring character exemplifying its basic function in society of love and sharing; a perfect setting for rearing children--for this there is no substitute. Finally, in Nazareth, the home of a craftsman's Son, we learn about work and the discipline it requires. Work has its own dignity but it's not an end unto itself. In closing I express my deep regard for people who work for a living. To you I point to our model: Christ our Brother, our Lord and God who is your prophet in every cause that promotes your well being."

OUR PRAYER: Father God, in the fullness of time Your Son became man, through Him You became poor to make us rich; You emptied Yourself to give us a heart of mercy, justice, peace, and a sincere heart to listen to Your Word and be ministers of Your Holy Gospel. Amen



The Requiem Mass for the Unborn is Saturday **January 18** at 6PM. The Archdiocesan Respect Life Mass at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels is calling us to attend. We will be carpooling and plan to leave St. Joseph at 3PM and go to Philippe's Restaurant before Mass. If you would like to join us, give Deacon Don a call at 498-6701 (ofc) or 598-5202 (home) to reserve your place. If you are not able to attend, we ask that you say a Rosary about that time for those "waiting to be born."

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

Early Childhood at 9:00am, Elementary at 10:30am.

Sunday Nursery: Available during 9:00 & 10:30 Masses.

Natural Family Planning

Want to learn the secret to living your marriage sacrament freely, totally, faithfully and fruitfully? Come learn Natural Family Planning; it's highly effective and can do wonders for your relationship. To learn more visit www.live-the-love.org or contact Greg and Beth Gath at bethandgreg@verizon.net or 562-377-5877.

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.

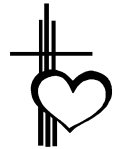
Called to Serve - The status of God's beloved Son is not one he clings to. It is one he shares. All of us are called to be sons and daughters of God. In Jesus, we can all claim God's favor. The second reading makes this clear. Here we read of the baptism of Cornelius and his household. Peter's speech recalls the anointing of Jesus by the Holy Spirit and the great power that swept through Israel and onto the doorstep of the Gentile Cornelius.

As for his household, so for us. There is an end to our work on earth, to our baptismal vocation and the honorable work we do. But there is no end to the saving life given to us through baptism. There is no end to the life of the children of God; there is no end to God's compassion, which we know in Christ Jesus. There is no end to our status as chosen and beloved people of God. Because of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, we are forever among those on whom God's favor rests.

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 lifestyle. Call Paciano and Molly Diaz, 310-729-5890, visit our website at www.CEEofLA.org or email us at: MollyandPaciano@gmail.com

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!

**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**

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.)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday:	Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10; Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17
Monday:	1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-19; Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday:	1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday:	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday:	1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45
Friday:	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday:	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday:	Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

"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.



St. Joseph's Heartbeat God ♥ all

Happy New Year! 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

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.

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.

Feb 1 - 9 - Homeless Kit Drive - Collecting homeless hygiene kit supplies in support of our St. Joseph Homeless Ministry.

Feb 19, 7:00p.m. - Committee meeting in the PAC. Come help us guide and plan our ministry to those in need of the Long Beach area.

Questions? Call Tim Clark, 431-4385. Blue Skip-a-Meal envelope donations support our programs.

Christmas Support - Our sincerest gratitude for the parish's generous support of our Christmas Food and Gift Distribution. Over 400 gifts were provided, 250+ volunteers, Religious Education food drive and Baby Shower for Jesus, School food drive, \$4,500+ food purchases from Skip a Meal donations. We supported 88 local families. Blessings to all who contributed your time, talents, treasure, and prayers!



Catholic Worker - Ponchos and Tarps Needed - The Catholic Worker is an organization founded by Peter Maurin and Dorothy Day in 1932. With the advent of the rainy season (God willing!), they are collecting ponchos and tarps for their homeless ministry. Donations may be sent to their main Los Angeles facility at Catholic Worker, c/o Ammon Hennacy House of Hospitality, 632 North Britannia St., Los Angeles, CA 90033-1722. If anyone would like to donate these items to them directly, please call Tim Clark, 431-4385.

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

Fingerprinting Schedule

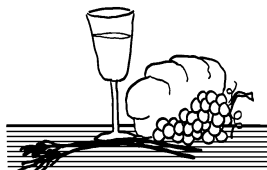
San Pedro Region fingerprinting schedule for volunteers with our parish children, please call for an appointment:

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

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

Did You Know? What can I do as a parent following a trauma? Establish a sense of safety and security. It is essential that children feel protected, safe and secure in the aftermath of a trauma. Ensure that all basic needs are met, including love, care, and physical closeness. Spend extra time to let children know that someone will nurture and protect them. Children will need a lot of comforting and reassurance. If you would like a copy of the article "A parent handout for helping children heal," email jvienna@la-archdiocese.org. For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry at (213) 637-7650.

Mass Intentions



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. - Christine Abdelnour

MONDAY, January 13

8:00 a.m. - † Suzanne Wilhelm

TUESDAY, January 14

8:00 a.m. - Rita Smith, Thanksgiving

WEDNESDAY, January 15

8:00 a.m. - † Frank Wynne

THURSDAY, January 16

8:00 a.m. - Special Intention

FRIDAY, January 17

8:00 a.m. - † Danny Hernandez

SATURDAY, January 18

5:00 p.m. - † Marlene Perez

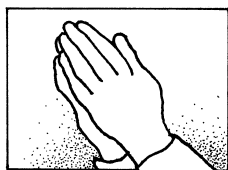
SUNDAY, January 19

7:30 a.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners

9:00 a.m. - † Ann Vezzetti

10:30 a.m. - † Ernest & Eileen Kujak

12:30 p.m. - † Edward Ely



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 & baby Enzo Esparza.

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	
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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
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BIBLE STUDY	Rita Smith	714-761-4376
BAPTISM PREPARATION	Olga Cuda	594-4657
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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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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	Michelle Gath	498-6701
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