



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.



"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you."
Matthew 5:43-44



Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 23, 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:

A message from our Archbishop

Our new Holy Father Pope Francis has called us to a deeper sense of our responsibility for others. This is a beautiful vision for our lives.

Jesus calls us to follow Him on his path of love. By loving God and our neighbor in this way we lead others to God and transform the world in the image of God's loving plan of salvation.

Together in Mission is a beautiful expression of our duty to love. Through our generosity, we are making a great difference in people's lives. Because of Together in Mission, the Church is a force for human dignity and social justice for our families and our communities. So I pray that all of us will respond with open hearts to this year's Together in Mission appeal.

May our good God bless all of you and your families and may Our Blessed Mother Mary teach us all to be more generous and loving with the gifts we have been given.

Together In Mission 2014

"Love your neighbor." —Jesus Christ

In His pastoral letter, "Witness to the New World of Faith," our Archbishop, José H. Gomez, writes: "Through our love for others, we bear witness to the reality of our God who is love. Through our work to make this a society of truth and love, we make God's love for all men and women a reality in our world."

One way we can make love for our neighbors "real" is through our support of Together in Mission. This year's annual appeal will provide essential financial support for 37 parishes and 56 schools in our Archdiocese which would likely have to shut down or sharply limit their operations without this assistance.

Your generous contribution to Together in Mission will make a big difference in the lives of tens of thousands of our brothers and sisters. Because of you, the Church will continue to be a force for human dignity and social justice on our communities.

When you receive your **Together in Mission** pledge form in the mail, please fill it out and mail it back or bring it with you to Mass. At all Masses this weekend, we will also be asking for contributions from those who did not receive pledge forms in the mail.

Archbishop Gomez is asking all of us to pray and reflect on how much we can pledge to this year's campaign. A question that might help in our reflection: How well do I carry out my duty as a Catholic to help those who are in need?

God bless you for your generous gifts to those in need.

Lenten Retreat for Men & Women, Thursday, **March 6, 6pm - 9pm**. Supper at 6pm, St. Cornelius Large Hall.

RSVP by March 4 at st.c.aff@gmail.com or 562-496-3224.

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



Many times we take things for granted. We come to Mass, dip our little finger in the holy water and bless ourselves. Sit in our favorite pew and listen. Now listen to what Pope Francis said a couple of weeks ago about the Eucharist: "When we celebrate the Mass, we don't accomplish a representation of the Last Supper." He continues: "No, it is **not** a representation of the Last Supper. It is something else: it **is** the Last Supper **itself!**" He goes on to say that God speaks to us in many and varied ways; through the prophets or Scripture but "...it is another presence, closer, without mediation, near. It is **His presence**." It is not just a social act or prayer gathering, "but the presence of the Lord is **real, truly real!**" In closing he encouraged us to ask that the Lord give us the "sense of the sacred....Only **He** is the unique One, the glory, the power....He is everything. Let us ask for this grace: that the Lord would teach us to enter into the mystery of God."

As we approach the Altar for communion, look for Him and give thanks for the great gift of **Himself** for **He** has given us the greatest gift of all: Eternal life - life that lasts forever. **OUR PRAYER:** God of love, help us to imitate Your merciful love for Your people. Let us strive to manifest a selfless love toward all, because they are made in Your image. We ask this through Christ Your Son who lives and reigns and with You and Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

Lent is Coming - Now is the time to think about doing a little extra to grow in your spirituality. Join Deacon Don and Tina at their home on Wednesday mornings and be a part of a Small Christian Community this Lent. We begin at 6:30 a.m. and are finished in time to attend 8:00 a.m. Mass. Call Deacon Don for more details: 562-598-5202 or 562-498-6701. Hope you will join us.

Special pro-life evening, Friday, **February 28**, at St. Hedwig Church, 11482 Los Alamitos Blvd, sponsored by the Respect Life ministry and Knights of Columbus. Free admission/free refreshments. Pro-life Mass at 6:00 pm and program from 7 - 9 pm with the following speakers:

- 1) Fr Chris Heath - pastor of St Hedwig
- 2) Theresa Murphy: Executive Director of Precious Life Shelter.
- 3) Astrid Bennett Gutierrez: Executive Director of Los Angeles Pregnancy Services and a regular on EWTN's program, "The Catholic View for Women."
- 4) Sandi Terrio: Respect Life co-rep who will speak briefly to youth and young adults.

Please contact Bill Terrio (bilkatter@aol.com; 562-598-8507) if you have any questions.

Pro Life Corner - The U.S. House of Representatives has passed the Unborn Child Protection Act which aims to protect children from abortion after 20 weeks, fetal age. Senator Lindsey Graham and colleagues have introduced the same bill in the U.S. Senate. We will keep praying.
Priests for Life

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - 598-0519

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

Early Childhood: Regular class today. Thank you to our terrific staff of volunteers for making our Open House a huge success last week! 3 weeks to RE Congress: there's still time to sign up...go to www.recongress.org for more info. Next week: regular class.

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

Adult Faith Formation:

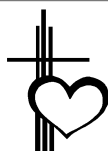
Attention All Adults: We continue our Holy Grounds CAFÉ in the PAC dining room. We open up Scripture and the Catechism and share our faith as parents, adults and children of God in a relaxed "coffee house" atmosphere. Bring your Bible if you have one. I have extra if you need one! Flyers are at the exits of the church! From 10:30-11:40am Sunday mornings.



St. Joseph Book Club will be reading *Tattoos on the Heart* by Fr. Greg Boyle. We will be selling the books after Masses on Feb 22/23 for \$15. They will also be on sale at the PAC during business hours – 9:00-3:30 – Monday – Thursday and Sundays from 9-12:00 noon.

**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.
"Be still and know that I am God."**



**St. Joseph Feast Day Celebration Mass Mar. 19,
5:30 p.m.** followed by a dinner in the hall. Please call the rectory office to R.S.V.P., 594-4657.

Grief Support Group

A grief support group is forming beginning March 19, at 12:30 in the PAC. The session runs for nine weeks and there is a \$10 charge for the book. If you are interested in attending, please contact Mimi Bloeser, 562-818-4249.

"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.

Youth Ministry

Middle School: Middle School Retreat is coming up! It will be the weekend of May 30-April 1. Orientation on Monday March 10 at St. Bartholomew 4545 E. 4th Street, Long Beach. At 7pm.

High school: Youth Day is coming around. If you liked the retreat you will like this! Youth Day is at the Anaheim Convention Center March 13. Come join us! If you are interested, please contact youth ministry; tickets are limited!

Confirmation: Confirmation year 1 retreat is around the corner! How exciting! Feb. 28- March 2. Volunteers are needed! We still need 1 female chaperone and 3 males for the retreat. Please ask sponsors or relatives if they are available. We need chaperones in order for this retreat to be possible! Also if you can donate any snacks or water for the teens to have for the weekend, that would be very much appreciated! They can be dropped off at the rectory or PAC. Thank you for all your support!

Rest In Peace

Died in Christ:

**Pete Madrid
Josephine Swart**



Congratulations to Madalynn Pelayo for earning Principal's Honors for the first semester at Rosary High.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday:	Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48
Monday:	Jas 3:13-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday:	Jas 4:1-10; Ps 55:7-11a, 23; Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday:	Jas 4:13-17; Ps 49:2-3, 6-11; Mk 9:38-40
Thursday:	Jas 5:1-6; Ps 49:14-20; Mk 9:41-50
Friday:	Jas 5:9-12; Ps 103:1-4, 8-9, 11-12; Mk 10:1-12
Saturday:	Jas 5:13-20; Ps 141:1-3, 8; Mk 10:13-16
Sunday:	Is 49:14-15; Ps 62:2-3, 6-9; 1 Cor 4:1-5; Mt 6:24-34

Tax Letter for 2013 - If you would like a letter stating your contributions to St. Joseph Church for 2013, please call the rectory office, 594-4657, and leave your name, phone number and email address.

**Got God? Discovering God's Life in You
Through the Beatitudes! Thursdays, March 6 -
April 10, 7-9 p.m.** St. Anthony Church, 600 Olive Ave., Long Beach. Suggested donation: \$10/session or \$50 for the 6 sessions. In 12 short verses, Jesus literally spelled out the way to get the most out of our lives - finding God, meaning, hope and direction in the real world. For more information, contact the Verbum Dei sisters, 562-495-7528 or losangeles@verbumdeiusa.org.



St. Joseph's Heartbeat God ♥ all

Mar. 3 - Social/game gathering

Mar. 17 - Happy St. Patrick's Day - Senior Retreat

presented by Fr. Al Scott, **9:30 - 10:00 am** Coffee Social, **10:00 - 11:00 am** Morning Presentation, **11:00 am - noon** Mass, **12:00 - 1:00 pm** Luncheon, **1:00 - 2:00 pm** Afternoon Question Session. Everyone welcome! \$12 for luncheon. Sign up today. Call Mary Lou Clark (562) 431-4385.

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

March 28 - Day trip to Viejas Indian Casino. Leave 8 am & return around 5:30 pm. Enjoy a fun-filled day gaming & shopping. \$5 coupon off for lunch. Slots of fun. Only \$15 per person. For information & reservations contact: Gerry Seckington, (562) 420-3220 or Mary Lou Clark, (562) 431-4385. Everyone welcome.

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, final payment due in April.

July 15 - Escorted tour of Coronado Island with a Harbor Cruise plus lunch at Anthony's Fish Grotto on the water. Browse Hotel Del Coronado. Day trip, \$85 per person. Depart at 7:45 a.m., return around 5:30 p.m. Sign up now.

Sept. - Trip to Sam's Town in Las Vegas. More info coming.

October 23 - Apple season in Oak Glen with Tour of the Graber Olive House. Free apple pie. Lunch provided with pie a la mode for dessert. Must choose entre upon sign-up: Meat loaf, ham or chicken. Depart 8:30 a.m., return around 6 p.m. \$60 per person. Sign up now.

More trips to come. For information/reservations, contact Gerry Seckington 420-3220 or Mary Lou Clark 431-4385.

Catholic Co-ed Softball Players Wanted!

The Greater South Bay/Long Beach/West Orange County Catholic Co-ed Slo-Pitch Spring Adult (Ages 18+) Softball League seeks players for their exciting 2014 season! Games are on Sunday afternoons from March thru June in Torrance. Singles and couples welcome; female players especially needed! If interested, please contact: Fred Lawler, 714-369-9516 or fredlawler@hotmail.com.

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

"And whoever receives one child such as this in my name receives me." MT 18:5

Mar. 1 - 2: Feed-a-Baby Drive – collecting non-perishable baby food and products for Catholic Charities and New Life Beginnings of Long Beach.

Mar. 29 - 30: Children's Book Drive – collecting new or gently used reading books for our Easter Food and Gift Distribution to 66 local families in need.

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.



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).

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.

Fingerprinting Schedule

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

March 1 - Holy Family, Wilmington, 310-834-6333

March 5 - St. John Fisher, Rancho PV, 310-377-4573

March 8 - St. Linus, Norwalk, 562-921-6649

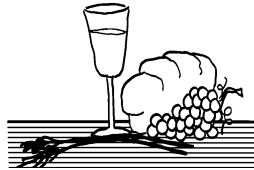
March 12 - St. Aloysius Gonzaga, L.A., 323-585-4485

March 22 - St. Emydius, Lynwood, 310-637-7095 x 10

Did You Know? Create a plan to escape from fire, and practice with your children

- According to the U.S. Fire Administration, fires result in about 3,500 American deaths and more than 18,000 injuries each year. Once a fire is detected in the home, there is a short window of time to successfully escape before the smoke becomes overwhelming. It is important for parents to not only create a plan for escape, but also practice that plan with their children. If you would like a copy of the article, "A new study sounds the alarm on children and fire safety –What can you do?" email jvienna@la-archdiocese.org.

Mass Intentions



SATURDAY, February 22

5:00 p.m. - † John De Ruyter

SUNDAY, February 23

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

9:00 a.m. - † Ann Vezzetti

10:30 a.m. - † Don Miller

12:30 p.m. - † Frank Hainley

MONDAY, February 24

8:00 a.m. - † Win Schoordyk

TUESDAY, February 25

8:00 a.m. - † Mabel Morales

WEDNESDAY, February 26

8:00 a.m. - † Antonietta Gigliotti

THURSDAY, February 27

8:00 a.m. - † Maria and Domingo Dang

FRIDAY, February 28

8:00 a.m. - † Frank Aimone

SATURDAY, March 1

5:00 p.m. - † Madelyne Rosano

SUNDAY, March 2

7:30 a.m. - † Ray Bielman

9:00 a.m. - † Don Miller

10:30 a.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners

12:30 p.m. - † Ray Bielman

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
Dillon Schad	Kyle Shea

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 Brooke Manning, 17 year old former student of our school. She is in need of a heart transplant.

PLEASE PRAY FOR . . . Eugene Dryer, Fernando Montoya, Tim Ginnett, 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, Karen Muccino, Charles Schad, Claudia Reasoner, Olga Kocevar, Brooke Manning, Joanne Rossello, Ray Willey, Robert Taylor, baby Enzo Esparza, Mary Clair Preasant, Phil Gray, George Frank, Karen Grice, Ged Hay, Bayless Conley, Keith Johnson, Jeff Perry & Eileen Bentley.

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

PASTORAL COUNCIL	Margee Infante	537-8210
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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	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