



ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

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Office Hours

Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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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.

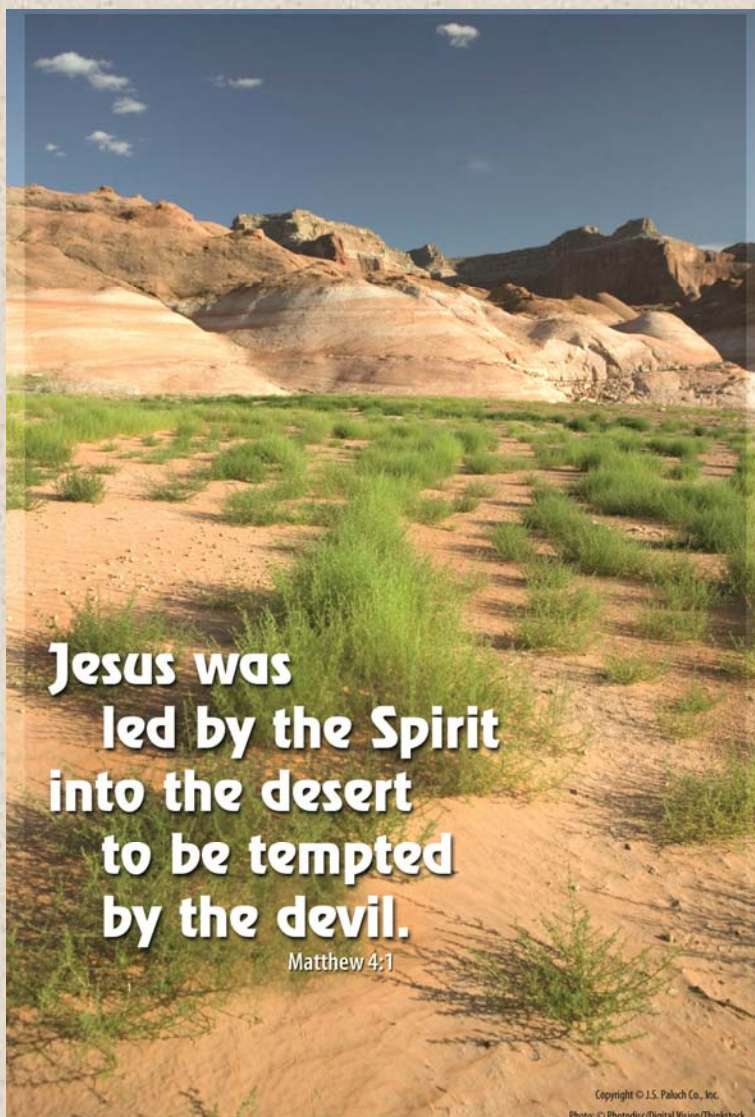
OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

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.



First Sunday of Lent
March 9, 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:

On Wednesday we began the season of Lent, which is our preparation for the Easter celebration of Jesus' resurrection. It is a time in imitation of Jesus spending forty days in the desert.

Lent is an invitation to us to take the courageous step of "going into the desert" and not hiding from what lies hidden deep within us. Lent is a time to put our souls before a mirror and see ourselves as we really are. Lent is an invitation to allow our sin and darkness and wounds to come to the surface so that we can deal with them and allow them to be healed by the grace of Jesus.

Since the early centuries the Church has suggested three things that we undertake during Lent - prayer, fasting and almsgiving. It is for this reason that the Gospel text for Ash Wednesday every year is Jesus' advice on prayer, fasting and almsgiving. During Lent we want to pray more, fast and help the poor.

The word "Lent" is an old English word, which means "springtime." May this Lent really be a new springtime in the lives of each of us. Through prayer, through fasting from food accompanied by forgiving others and not bearing grudges, and through donating from our surplus to help the poor, may we like Jesus in the desert for forty days overcome temptation and thus be well prepared to celebrate Easter.

Due to the Religious Education Congress, the rectory office will be closed on March 14.

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.

Lenten Retreat

This year the Verbum Dei Missionary sisters will facilitate our parish Lenten retreat. The retreat will take place in the church on three **Wednesday evenings, March 26, April 2 and April 9** from 630PM – 800PM. **All are welcome.**

March 26 - Introduction to the spirituality of the Beatitudes and their relevance to the twenty-first century.

Blessed are the Poor in Spirit.

Blessed are those who Mourn.

Blessed are the Meek.

April 2 - Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness.

Blessed are the Merciful.

Blessed are the Pure of Heart.

April 9 - Blessed are the Peacemakers.

Blessed are those persecuted for justice's sake.

Conclusion: God's kingdom as the horizon for Holy Week.



"Repent and believe in the Gospel. Remember, man, you are dust, and unto dust you will return." In the "**Exsultet**" the Church rejoices in this original sin because it brought the redemption: "O happy fault, O necessary sin of Adam, which gained for us so great a Redeemer!"

We are to do penance but avoid an outward show. "Rend your hearts and not your garments." We seek interior change. We will hear the readings from the Synoptics (syn=together in Greek and optic=seen). The first three and a half weeks will be taken from Matthew, Mark and Luke. The second half of Lent will be taken from the Gospel of John which starts the 4th week of Lent. As one priest put it: "Forty days of Lent are a time of preparation for our role in the Kingdom.a prayer time we set up during Lent or a practice we choose which might become a permanent part of our lives. Jesus' 40 days ends in the temptations by the devil. Our 40 days are to strengthen us to continue our battle against the "temptor." The three temptations of the Lord are similar to what we might face: which try to destroy God's Presence in us and prevent us from bringing his Presence to others. Reaching out to others helps us to stay away from our own selfishness."

Do you want to see how much God loves you? Look upon the Crucified Jesus and God's only Son. Then you will see how much He loves you.

OUR PRAYER: Lord Jesus, help us to pattern our lives after You. Grant we may imitate You completely, in all our thoughts, words and deeds. Help us to cling to You and shun all contact with evil. Amen



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

Resolve now to do something that will forever change your life!

Give yourself the gift of a *Cursillo* and become the person you've always wanted to be...the New Creation in Christ that St. Paul talks about.

A *Cursillo* is a retreat unlike anything you've ever experienced...a three-day experience of living Christianity. *Cursillo* retreats run from Thursday evening thru Sunday evening.

The next Men's *Cursillo* retreat begins Apr.10. The next Women's retreat begins on May 8. For more information, contact Dcn. Shane at sfcuda@yahoo.com, or call the rectory office at 562-594-4657.

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 - 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 and Daylight Savings begins: Spring Forward! Next week: no class so the teachers can attend the RE Congress: there's still time to sign up as all are welcome! If you have never been to Congress, it's not too late...give yourself the mini-retreat you deserve. Attend 1, 2, or 3 days. World-renowned speakers and authors! Go to www.recongress.org for more info.

Sacrament Preparation: Parent Reminder – our last workshop for the year is on Monday, March 10 – in the parish Hall. **Year 1 from 6-7pm. Year 2 from 7-8pm.**

The Parent/Child 1st Eucharist Retreat for all Year 2 sacrament preparation children is on Sunday, March 30 from 1:45-5pm.

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. Books will be on sale at the PAC during business hours – 9:00-3:30 – Monday – Thursday and Sundays from 9-12:00 noon. Our book club will meet on Wednesday, April 2 at 7 pm in the PAC to discuss *Tattoos on the Heart*.

Rest In Peace

Died in Christ:

Celia Delgado

**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 **March 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!

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



God is love and He lives in our hearts.

We need only to respond to His infinite love.

“In Meditation we respond by total stillness and openness to receiving His love.”

Lenten Faith and Fatherhood

Lent is derived from an Anglo-Saxon word meaning “spring.” Lent is a time of transformation and new life.

On behalf of the St. Joseph School Charism Committee, fathers are warmly invited to support each other's growth in faith and fatherhood. We will gather informally to share stories, advice, and libations.

Sundays - March 9, 16, 30, and April 13

First discussion topic: God as Compassionate Father (Luke's parable of the Prodigal Son)

Ecco's Pizza, 2123 N Bellflower Blvd, 4 – 5 pm.

Contact: Jim Crofut, jamescrofut@gmail.com 234-1432.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday:	Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11
Monday:	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday:	Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday:	Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday:	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
Friday:	Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday:	Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
Sunday:	Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

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.



St. Joseph's Heartbeat God ♥ all

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.

St. Joseph Elementary School's 2nd Annual Fit-A-Thon is happening Friday, **March 21**. The kids are fundraising for their school and all the fun things that go with it. If you would like to donate to the Fit-A-Thon, there are a few ways. There are business and family contributions that can be sent to the school OR students will be out after all of the Masses on March 8 and 9 (all donations are tax deductible). Thank you for your continued support.

TEXAS HOLD'EM TOURNAMENT: Please save the date for the St. Joseph PTO Texas Hold'em Tournament on **March 22** at 6pm. Pre-registration buy-in is \$30 and walk-in registration buy-in is \$40. Registration flyers are available in the school front office.

"He who has compassion on the poor lends to the Lord, and He will repay him for his good deed." Prov: 20:17

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

Apr. 12: Easter Food and Gift Distribution. 8:30 a.m. in the parish hall. Can you deliver to a family in need? Please call Amy McKenna 427-5917.

Skip-a-Meal Donations: These are the financial support of our ministry. Donations are down about \$400 per month this program year (starting June 2013). For fulfilling opportunities to serve, call Tim Clark 431-4385



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 ronahdallertravel@gmail.com or (714)746-4199 or Claudia Venegas at claudiatravelholyland@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 12 - St. Aloysius Gonzaga, L.A., 323-585-4485

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

Did You Know? A good photo could save a child's life

- One of the most important tools for law enforcement to use in the case of a missing child is an updated (every six months), school-portrait quality, head-and-shoulders color photograph of the child in which the face is clearly seen. The background should be plain so it does not distract from the subject. When possible, the photograph should be in a digitized form, and available on a compact disk (CD), as opposed to just a hard copy. This minimizes the time necessary to scan, resize, and make color corrections before disseminating it to law enforcement. The photograph should have space for accurate, narrative description useful to identify the child such as name, nickname, height, weight, sex, age, eye color, identifying marks, glasses, and braces. For more information, call Victims Assistance Ministry: (213) 637-7650.

Mass Intentions



SATURDAY, March 8

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

SUNDAY, March 9

7:30 a.m. - † Ray Bielman

9:00 a.m. - † Mary Schute

10:30 a.m. - † Don Miller

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

MONDAY, March 10

8:00 a.m. - Maria Tan Tran

TUESDAY, March 11

8:00 a.m. - † Ray Bielman

WEDNESDAY, March 12

8:00 a.m. - † Don Miller

THURSDAY, March 13

8:00 a.m. - † America Garcia

FRIDAY, March 14

8:00 a.m. - † Tim Spelling

SATURDAY, March 15

5:00 p.m. - † Bob Maney

SUNDAY, March 16

7:30 a.m. - † Ann De Ruyter

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

10:30 a.m. - † Don Miller

12:30 p.m. - † Cuitlahuac Rodriguez

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 . . . 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, Linda Vaughn, Steve Ferris & Tamera Smith.

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 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	310-490-4012
SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES	Dcn. Don & Tina Gath	598-5202
Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick		594-4657

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

PASTORAL COUNCIL	Margee Infante	537-8210
FINANCE COUNCIL	Moses Bass	
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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 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	Michelle Gath	498-6701
CUB SCOUTS	Moses Bass	420-1877
BOY SCOUTS	Tom Lane	496-4223

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