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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.



*Jesus
was transfigured
before them:
his face shone
like the sun
and his clothes
became white
as light.*

Matthew 17:2

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Second Sunday of Lent
March 16, 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 being a disciple of Jesus, we are required to be open to the presence of God in our lives. Sometimes God's presence goes almost unnoticed because we take it for granted, such as when we experience God's love for us through our loved ones, or through the blessings that we receive, such as good health, or our talents and friendships.

At other times the presence of God in our lives is more obvious, such as when something good happens to us unexpectedly or we have an unusually powerful prayer experience.

One of the challenges we face as a people of faith is to live our lives in such a way that we recognize Jesus' presence not only in outstanding moments but also in our daily life, when it would be easy not to recognize his presence. Our moments of prayer, the sacramental life of the church, the Word of God, and a life of service, offer us the opportunity to recognize the active presence of God.

At those times, when we truly realize how God has always been at our side, we cannot be anything but surprised, just as the apostles were. It is possible to be tempted to want to keep Jesus all to ourselves, as Peter did. But Jesus reminds us that he came for all, and that we are called to share his message of love and peace, and to make him present to others through our own lives.

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.

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



Have you experienced the **Stations of the Cross**? Each Friday at 7PM we do the **Way of the Cross**. On March 28, Tina and I will pray the Stations with Mary, Jesus' mother. Every life has suffering, falls, rejections, condemnations, death, burial and resurrection. Mary made the first Way of the Cross. We will try to look at it from that viewpoint. We will ask the Lord Jesus to forgive us for the times we have added to the weight of His cross by ignoring those in pain, loneliness, and finding excuses to avoid those who wish to talk to us.

In this Sunday's Gospel of Matt 17:1 God speaks through a cloud and says: "This is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased, **listen to Him**." "Faith demands that we make the joyful journey from sacrifice to glory. Also, that we separate ourselves from our own selfish desires in order to give to others. This is the path to glory and to full joy, because like the disciples on Mount Tabor we will have experienced a touch of heaven, the joy that is to come." Fr. Pellegrino.

OUR PRAYER: God of mercy, you gave us new life through Baptism; make us grow each day in Your likeness and may our generosity bring joy to those in need and by helping them may we find You and in turn help us seek You always in union with our family. We ask this through Jesus Your Son who lives and reigns with You and Holy Spirit one God, for ever and ever. 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.

Rest In Peace

Died in Christ:

John Risco



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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - 598-0519

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

Early Childhood: No class today: Religious Education Congress in Anaheim: Friday, Saturday and Sunday this weekend! Go to www.RECongress.org for more info. Next week: regular class.

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*.

"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.

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.

For **Healing after Abortion** - Rachel's Vineyard retreat is for men and women struggling with the emotional and spiritual pain of abortion. The retreat is designed to help participants work through repressed grief and anger in a safe, non-judgmental setting and come to acceptance, healing, and hope for the future. Developed in the Roman Catholic Tradition, it utilizes spiritual exercises and rituals to help grieve the loss of unborn children and to accept God's forgiveness. All inquiries and registrations are confidential. **April 4-6**, Duarte, CA. Cost: \$215. For registration or more information please call: 866-272-2435 www.rachelsvineyard.org

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.

**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 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 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9
Monday:	Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday:	Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday:	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Thursday:	Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
Friday:	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday:	Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

The **Ignatian Volunteer Corps** is looking for a few good people! There are schools and other local non-profit agencies serving the poor and marginalized in the San Pedro Region that will benefit from your knowledge, skills and compassion. This Jesuit affiliated ministry invites you to assist those in need, work for a more just society and grow deeper in your Christian faith. For more information on becoming an Ignatian Volunteer, contact Anne Hansen at ahan-sen@ivcusa.org or call 310-338-2358.



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.

Spring Plant Sale - The 7th grade class at St. Joseph School is having a spring plant sale fundraiser. All funds will go towards the 8th grade graduation breakfast. All plants are high quality, direct from a local grower. Pre-orders are recommended. Pre-planted Spring Flower Bowls (**Deadline to pre-order is April 1**): 10" Flower Bowl \$10, 14" Flower Bowl \$15, Herb Bowl \$18, Succulent Bowl \$23. Spring Bedding Plants - \$15 per flat or 2 for \$25. Individual Spring plants and flats will also be on sale after Masses on **April 6**, no pre-order required. Make checks payable to St. Joseph School. Thank you for your support!

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.

"The bread of charity is life itself for the needy." Sir 35:21

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 for our ministry. A shortfall in donations this year has impacted our ability serve compared to recent years. For fulfilling opportunities to serve, call Tim 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 (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.

Learn from Connelly's leaders @ the **March 19 Leadership Conference** at Cornelia Connelly School. Don't miss out - **Register Today!** Questions? Contact John Golden, 714.776.1717 Ext. 219, or jgolden@connellyhs.org

Fingerprinting Schedule

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

March 22 - St. Emydius, Lynwood, 310-637-7095 x10

April 2 - St. Emydius, Lynwood, 310-639-1249 x29

April 12 - St. Anthony, ElSegundo, 310-322-4392

April 16 - Sagrado Corazon, Cudahy, 323-562-3356

April 23 - St. Dominic Savio, Bellflower, 532-920-7796

April 30 - San Miguel, Los Angeles, 323-567-6892

Did You Know? Keeping your child's personal information personal

- If your children give out personal information over the Internet, not only is it easy to track, it is tough to completely remove. Emphasize to them how important it is that they keep personal information private. Make sure that they have a strong username and password that does not reveal anything personal. Encourage them not to give out their e-mail address. If your children tell you that they have given out personal information online, contact your Internet Service Provider or the site where the information is posted to see what you can do to have it removed. For more information, visit www.NetSmartz.org

Mass Intentions



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

MONDAY, March 17

8:00 a.m. - Milt Frugeli

TUESDAY, March 18

8:00 a.m. - Nancy Miller

WEDNESDAY, March 19

8:00 a.m. - † Antionetta Gigliotti

5:30 p.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners

THURSDAY, March 20

8:00 a.m. - † Geneveva Pinili

FRIDAY, March 21

8:00 a.m. - Moriel family, Thanksgiving

SATURDAY, March 22

5:00 p.m. - † Ray Bielman

SUNDAY, March 23

7:30 a.m. - † Peggy Montello

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

10:30 a.m. - † Margaret Stahl

12:30 p.m. - † Patricia & John Steinhauer

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 Kocovar, 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, Tamara Smith, Alexis Persyko, Evelyn Priddy, Edward Merk & Marian O'Donnell.

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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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

BULLETIN NOTICES DEADLINE - MONDAY 1:00 PM
PLEASE SUBMIT NOTICES, WITH YOUR NAME & PHONE, to the rectory or to bulletin@stjosephlb.org