



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.

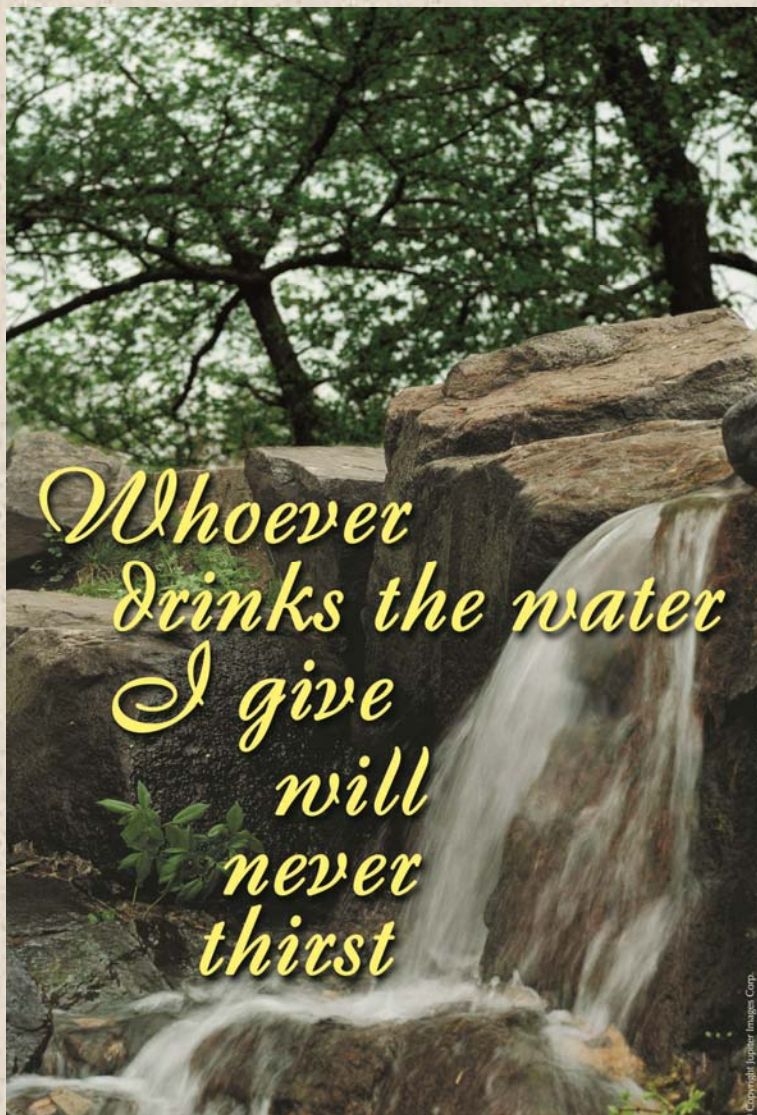
OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

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.



Third Sunday of Lent
March 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:

Many times, people can be wary of or even frightened of God. God can be seen as some kind of an avenger or strict lawgiver. Yet the scriptures today paint a very different portrait.

When God is faced with the sin of humanity and the grumbling of Israel because of a water-shortage, some of us might expect swift retribution. But God's response is to respond to the needs of Israel with a spring of life-giving water; and in God's ultimate response of love, Jesus offers himself up to death for us.

We cannot "get our life sorted out" by willpower alone. Our redemption is not given because we have done anything to earn it. It is granted to us as a pure gift from a merciful, loving Father.

So, it appears that there is someone who is altogether on our side and that is God himself. The gift of salvation that is given to us needs to be received and allowed to transform us.

Accepting God's salvation, we can be drawn into virtue but it is a gift that is given to us because we are loved and not because we have done something to deserve it.

Lenten & Easter Schedule

Stations of the Cross - all Fridays of Lent, 7:00 p.m.

Lenten Retreat - Mar. 26, Apr. 2 & 9, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Reconciliation Service - Tuesday, April 8, 7:00 p.m.

Morning Prayer - April 17, 18, and 19, 8:00 a.m.

Liturgy of the Lord's Supper - April 17, 7:00 p.m.

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion & Death - Apr 18, 1:30pm

Easter Vigil - Saturday, April 19, 7:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday Masses - 7:30, 9 & 10:30 am, 12:30 pm



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.



"Her husband was a just man" Mt 1:19. St. Joseph was the 'just man' by his constant fidelity, an effect of justice; by his perfect discretion, a sister to prudence; by his upright conduct, a mark of strength; and by his inviolable chastity, a flower of temperance....St. Albert the Great.

All we need to do is look to that "guardian" of the Blessed Mother and Jesus. What a great intercessor we have here at St. Joseph. Have we ever asked him to intercede for us especially during this time of Lent? And I don't mean burying a statue of him so he can help sell a home! And lest I forget, it wouldn't hurt to pray the simple prayer to St. Patrick (an abbreviated version: Christ be with me, Christ be before me, Christ be behind me, Christ be above me, Christ be beneath me, Christ be all around me, ever in my heart.) Thought for the week - it has been said that you can count the seeds in an apple, but only God can count the apples in a seed. Don't despair, plant the seeds and pray for those who need our prayers. God will see that they are watered. From "little devotions of baseball fans."

OUR PRAYER: Oh God our Father, You have given us your Son, help us this Lenten season to listen more frequently to Your word. Make Your Holy Spirit our teacher to encourage those in doubt and to follow what is true and good. Help us enter more fully into the mystery of Your Anointed One and purify & renew Your Church in this time of salvation. Amen.

The **Chrism Mass** will be celebrated at the Cathedral **April 14, 7 p.m.** This is our annual celebration, with the gathered local church, of the priesthood of Jesus—the-anointed-by—the-Spirit. His priesthood is shared by the Baptized and the ordained, and is exercised in the sacraments, especially those most closely associated with the Eucharist, the Sacraments of Initiation, of Orders, and the Sacrament of the Sick.

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 - Priests for Life has entered a lawsuit in the Court of Appeals of the Supreme Court in order to protect religious freedom. Please pray for success.

Priests for Life, Feb. 2014

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: Regular class today. Thank you to all who participated in Religious Ed Congress last weekend in Anaheim. If you couldn't make it this year, plan on it for next--you deserve to feed your spirit and this is a great way to accomplish that goal! **Community Helpers Alert!** Family Easter Baskets items collected starting next week for Movement for a Better World. Please remember to bring your item, meet at the main doors of church, sign in your child with your teacher and we will process in at the beginning of the 9 AM Mass. Don't be late!

1st Eucharist Sacrament Preparation Parents - Year 2

Reminder: The Parent/Child 1st Eucharist Retreat for all Year 2 Sacrament Preparation Children is on Sunday, March 30 from 1:45-5:00 p.m.

Confirmation: This year Confirmation will be celebrated on April 6 at 3:00 p.m. Please keep our Confirmation candidates and families in your prayers!

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

Adult Faith Formation:

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 began **March 19**, meeting 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**.

**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.

"Meditation is the call to the spiritual work that has to be done inside us, work that the Spirit of God accomplishes in us."

Lenten Faith and Fatherhood

Come out and join other St. Joseph fathers for some faith and fellowship. Sundays – March 30 and April 13 from 4:00 – 5:00 PM

Ecco's Pizza, 2123 N Bellflower Blvd.

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

Catholic Relief Services Collection - Next week, our parish will take up this collection which supports six Catholic agencies that touch more than 100 million lives around the world. The funds provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and show Christ's love and respect to all people. Please give generously and **help Jesus in disguise**.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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]
Monday:	2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday:	Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday:	Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
Friday:	Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday:	Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
Sunday:	1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

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

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.

Together in Mission - Thank you to everyone who has made a pledge to the Together in Mission campaign this year. **Our goal for this year is \$67,850.23.** So far, we have pledges amounting to \$45,862.

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.

"He has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor." LK 4:18

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.



Many thanks to everyone who supported our family during these past months and the funeral for Don Miller. Special thanks to Fr. Jim and Fr. Will, to the bereavement team, choir, Hugh Van der Linden, Don and Tina Gath, and all who brought food for the reception. Thanks for all the cards, prayers, and everyone who came to celebrate Don's life. You all are in my prayers. Nancy Miller & family

Lenten Reconciliation Services

April 7, Monday, St. Bartholomew Church

April 8, Tuesday, St. Joseph Church

April 9, Wednesday, St. Cornelius Church

Parish Fair - May 2-4 - Get your presale tickets now at a reduced price. Presale tickets may be ordered at the school or rectory offices up until April 30.

Fingerprinting Schedule

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

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

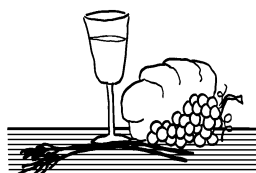
April 23 - St. Dominic Savio, Bellflower, 532-920-7796

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

Did You Know? How Old Does a Child Need to Be in Order to Stay Alone?

- Do not assume that when your child understands what you are saying, he is ready to walk out the door by himself. Besides the fact that many states have laws against leaving children of certain ages alone (for example, younger than 12), experts say children should not be left by themselves until they are capable of fighting off an abductor or handling a crisis situation. Experts also say children do not have the mental maturity to cross busy streets by themselves until they are about 10 or 12 years old. Finally, parents who are certain their young children would never walk away with a stranger will be shocked to learn that studies show they probably will. Stay alert and vigilant, even if you believe your child is aware of possible dangers from others. For particular help, call the Archdiocese's Victims Assistance Ministry, (213) 637-7650.

Mass Intentions



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 Steinhauser

MONDAY, March 24

8:00 a.m. - † Barbara Reilly

TUESDAY, March 25

8:00 a.m. - † Patrick Devine

WEDNESDAY, March 26

8:00 a.m. - Olga Valle

THURSDAY, March 27

8:00 a.m. - † Leon Jimenez

FRIDAY, March 28

8:00 a.m. - † Maria & Dominico Dang

SATURDAY, March 29

5:00 p.m. - † Anna & Dick Greco

SUNDAY, March 30

7:30 a.m. - † Daniel Padilla

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

10:30 a.m. - † Hermenegildo Gonzalez

12:30 p.m. - † Nancy Grgas

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 Kocivar, 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

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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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