



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.

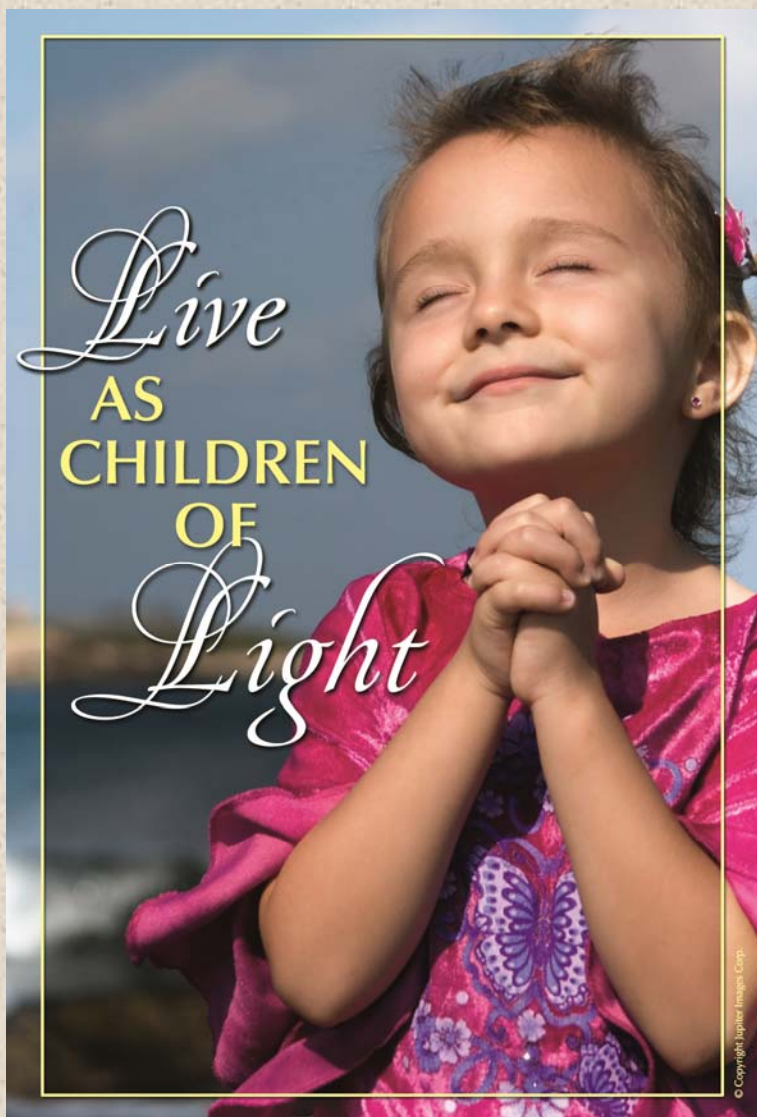
OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

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.



Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 30, 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:

Each of the three readings for today offers an instruction for all who struggle against handicaps to holiness. The author of Samuel reminds his readers that those whom God involves in his saving plans aren't necessarily those whom the world perceives as great. David, as the youngest of Jesse's sons, would probably have been last in line for a position of authority. But God, who judges by other standards, chose him to be king and graced him for his task with the gift of his spirit.

In the second reading, the author of Ephesians reminds his readers that before baptism, they had been prey to the darkness, but through Christ, they had become citizens of light whose deeds were to reflect the privileges of their calling.

In the reading from John's gospel, believers are invited to consider the spiritual odyssey of the unnamed blind man. Healed by Jesus, he was able to overcome his physical handicap. Moved to faith by this saving sign, he also gained his spiritual sight and went on to refute those who chose to remain in the darkness of their sin and disbelief.

During these weeks of Lenten preparation for Easter, each of us has more than enough reason to reflect on those challenges that tend to handicap our spiritual development. With the rest of humanity, we are subject to sin and its consequences. But, like the people mentioned in the scriptures, we're also capable of overcoming whatever stands between us and the wholeness that God calls us to.



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.

Lenten Reconciliation Services

April 7, Monday, St. Bartholomew Church
April 8, Tuesday, St. Joseph Church
April 9, Wednesday, St. Cornelius Church



I must confess that last Saturday morning was very inspiring with the number of young ball players starting the new baseball season. But ultra inspiring was the singing of "God Bless America" by one of our fourth grade students. If I did not see Caroline I would have thought it was a professional singing! Hmmm maybe she needs an agent? The "blessing of the season" was my joy. Now **Play Ball!**

Speaking of Confession, St. Joseph parish will give us an opportunity April 8, Tuesday, at 7PM.

Why do I have to go to Confession? When we sin, we hurt ourselves, others and God. Which is it? Confession, Penance or Reconciliation? The Catechism notes that the sacrament is known by many names, i.e. Sacrament of conversion, of confession, of forgiveness and sacrament of Reconciliation. Why do I have to go to a priest? Because Jesus gave the Holy Spirit to His apostles after His resurrection and it's been handed down through our ordained priests. John 23:22-23 "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." Do I have to go face-to-face? No, there is a screened window between you and the priest if you so choose. Can I receive Communion without going to Confession? When you receive Communion you affirm that you are in a state of grace and reconciled with God and the Church. How often should I go to Confession? Catholics are required to receive the sacrament at least once a year. However, if a mortal sin has been committed (a serious sin) you should receive the Sacrament as soon as practical **before** receiving Communion. I encourage you to go to usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/sacraments/penance.

OUR PRAYER: God our Father, teach us to find new life through Penance. Keep us from sin, and help us to live by Your Commandment of Love. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit one God, for ever and ever, Amen.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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]
Monday:	Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday:	Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday:	Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
Thursday:	Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
Friday:	Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday:	Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday:	Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

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 and process in at 9 AM Mass with our MBW donations. Parish Fair in 5 weeks—sign up for your shift at the Fair now. Please consider becoming a Sunday School Teacher next year. Contact Shannon on Sundays for info or call her at 562.598.0519. Next week: regular class.

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*.

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.

Lenten & Easter Schedule

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

Lenten Retreat - 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

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

**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 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, April 2 and April 9** from 630PM – 800PM. **All are welcome.**

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.

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.

"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.

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. A new class series starts April 26. To learn more, visit www.live-the-love.org or contact Greg and Beth Gath at bethandgreg@verizon.net or 562-377-5877.

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 \$49,530.

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.



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

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!

Save the Date - Monday, **June 16**, for the 31st Annual St. Anthony High School Monsignor Gualderon Golf Classic. The tournament will once again take place at El Dorado Park Golf Course in Long Beach and all proceeds will benefit St. Anthony HS Athletics. Online registration at www.LongBeachSaints.org has begun and space is limited. For more information or to inquire about sponsorship opportunities or donations, please contact Renee Salvador at www.renee.salvador@longbeachsaints.org or (562)435-4496 ext.1241. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you on the course!

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.

"Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God." Mk 10:14



April 5-6: Children's Book Drive week #2 - collecting new or gently used reading books for our Easter Food and Gift Distribution.

April 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. For fulfilling opportunities to serve, call Tim Clark 431-4385.

Skip-a-Meal Donations: These are the financial support for our ministry. A shortfall in donations this year has impacted our ability to serve compared to recent years.

Catholic Relief Services Collection - *"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me"* (Mt 25:40). Today, we are reminded that Jesus identified himself with our poorest brothers and sisters. This collection serves Jesus in the victims of human trafficking, in those who suffer from unjust laws, and in those who need pastoral care and humanitarian assistance across the globe. Through your support, you **help Jesus in disguise**. Please be generous.

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.

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

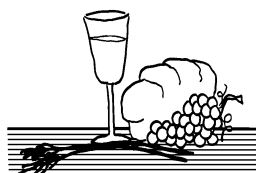
April 16 - Sagrado Corazon, Cudahy, 323-562-3356

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

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

Did You Know? Parents and teachers can prevent abusive behaviors - Children, in particular, may have difficulty channeling their feelings appropriately and can easily pick up negative or demeaning cues given by adults around them. Given the diversity of America's schools, some students may become targets of hostility and blame. Bullying and harassment are never acceptable, but they can be especially damaging at this critical time in our nation's history. Parents and school personnel need to be prepared to quickly and effectively prevent and stop abusive behaviors that are directed toward any students. For a copy of the VIRTUS® article, "A National Tragedy: Promoting tolerance and peace in children," email jvienna@la-archdiocese.org

Mass Intentions



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

MONDAY, March 31

8:00 a.m. - † John Risko

TUESDAY, April 1

8:00 a.m. - † Barbara Reilly

WEDNESDAY, April 2

8:00 a.m. - † Maureen Williams

THURSDAY, April 3

8:00 a.m. - † Benito Pinili

FRIDAY, April 4

8:00 a.m. - Sheila Poisson

SATURDAY, April 5

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

SUNDAY, April 6

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

9:00 a.m. - † Alex Carrera

10:30 a.m. - Autistic children in Long Beach

12:30 p.m. - † Frank Devine

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, 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, Eileen Bentley, Linda Vaughn, Steve Ferris, Tamara Smith, Alexis Persyko, Evelyn Priddy, Edward Merk, Marian O'Donnell & Louie Rubio.

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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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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