



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.

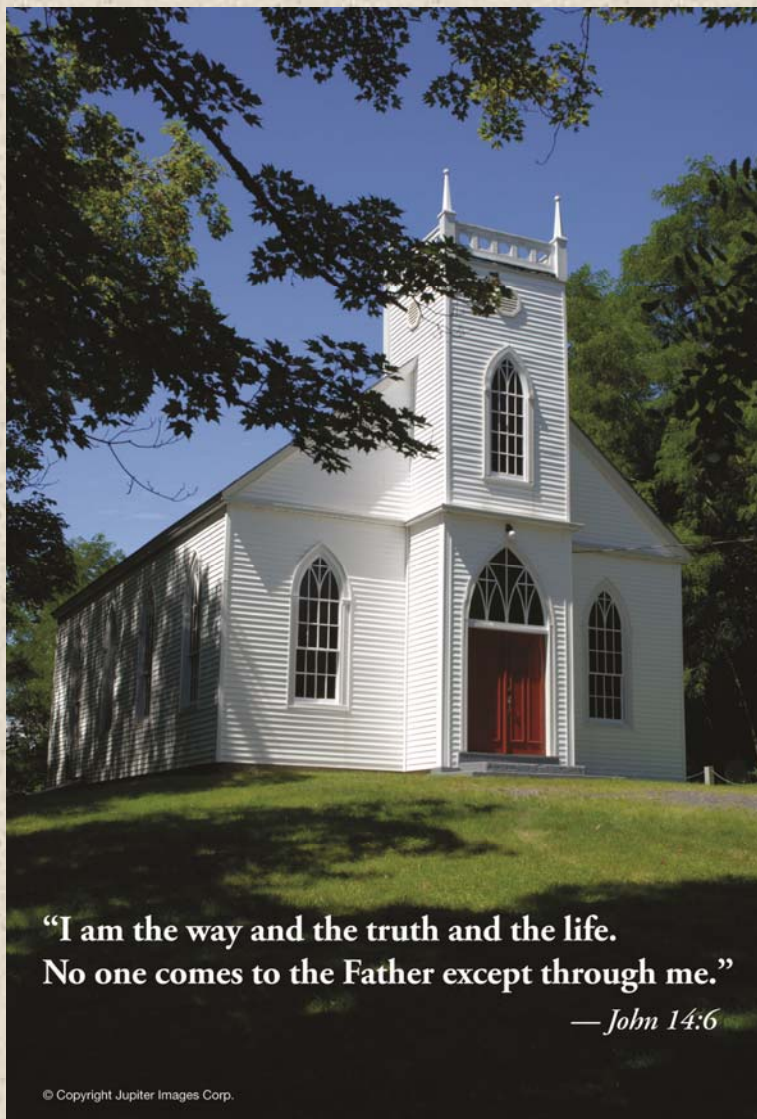
OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

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.



**"I am the way and the truth and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through me."**

— John 14:6

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Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 18, 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:

As much as we try and avoid it, we all inevitably encounter troubles and trials in our lives, and sometimes more than we think we can handle! Jesus knew that his disciples would have to face adversity and trials after he left them to return to his Father. Jesus assured them that his departure was for their good, in order to secure a place for them in God's house, a place of refuge, peace, and everlasting happiness.

If the Father's home in heaven is our destination, how can we find our way without a map or a guide? The scriptures speak of the way that leads to peace and union with God. The prophet Isaiah says, Teach me your way, O Lord; and lead me on the right path.

Jesus proclaims: I am the Way. Jesus doesn't just give advice and direction. He personally is the way, and we can't miss it if we follow him. He leads and guides us personally every day.

Jesus also is the Truth. Many people can say, "I have taught you the truth." but only Jesus can say I am the Truth. Moral truth isn't shown by words alone; it is shown by example. Jesus embodies the truth in his person.

Jesus also is the Life. He not only shows us the path of life, but he gives the kind of life that only God can give, eternal and abundant life.

What are the fears or troubles that keep us from the perfect peace and happiness of a life following Jesus Christ? Whatever they are let's remember the words of Jesus who said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled, you have faith in God, have faith also in me."

To see Jesus is to see what God is like, because in the person of Jesus we see the perfect love of God, a God who loves us so much that he was willing to lay down his life for us. May we come to a deeper understanding that Jesus is the revelation of God, a God who loves us completely.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday:	Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12
Monday:	Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday:	Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday:	Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
Thursday:	Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11
Friday:	Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
Saturday:	Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
Sunday:	Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20; 1 Pt 3:15-18 or 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 14:15-21 or Jn 17:1-11a

Fr. Ford would like to thank everyone for their good wishes. He is still in the hospital, in stable condition. He asks for no visitors but is enjoying all the cards and grateful for your prayers.

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



Moms, I hope and pray that your day was pleasant and blessed. Jesus the **Good Shepherd** used examples of "tending His flock" by watching and protecting them from wild animals, thieves and from straying. He also had to bind up cuts and wounds. Trivia: Jesus referred to Himself as the "**Good Shepherd**" because the Hebrew Scripture refers to the **Messiah** as Shepherd 22 times making the connection to people of that time. If Jesus lived today, to what or whom would He refer Himself as? Spiderman instead of shepherd? Certainly not Homer Simpson!! Who today shows compassion, binds up their children's cuts and wounds, kisses the hand that is injured? It's our moms!! They are the shepherds of our day. Moms are great **listeners** especially in times of hurting. They take care of us in times of trials and tribulations.

We need to be "good shepherds" to those around us, especially those in need. I once read that **listening** is an art that needs to be brought back. Listen to those that "hurt" and pray for them.

OUR PRAYER: Lord Jesus, Good Shepherd, inspire us to go to Your Holy Mother, Mary, in all our trials and difficulties. Help us to be ever devoted to You and Your Mother and to receive the graces needed to be that good shepherd with compassion for those in need. 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 retreat is **Oct. 23-26**, and the Women's retreat is **Oct. 30-Nov. 2**. For more information, contact Dcn. Shane at sfcuda@yahoo.com, or call the rectory office at 562-594-4657.

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 \$55,589**.

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - 598-0519

First Communion is being celebrated this weekend! Please keep our children and families in your prayers! We celebrate at Sunday mass, because this is a Parish event and not a private event! Celebrating together on Sunday is good for all: The support of the community can enrich the experience for children and their families alike and the joy of the children and families inspires and refreshes the community!

Be an Amazing Catechist! - If you love God and feel that you are being called to share your gifts: consider becoming a catechist! You will learn new skills, give back to God by serving our young church, make new friends (we have a wonderful team), grow in your own faith (none of us knows everything!) and accomplish something worthwhile – passing on our beautiful Catholic faith! We have openings from Early Childhood through Confirmation! Free training, great resources, wonderful support! Call or email the Religious Education office for more information. Check out our webpage for more information.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP – July 7-11! Gangway to Galilee! Pick up a registration form at the exits of the church or on our webpage! We also need many volunteers – also on the registration form!

Registration forms for Religious Education will be available June 1. We will begin taking completed forms and registration fees July 1. If you would like a reminder, please check out the St. Joseph website for the link and we will be glad to email you an on-line registration form on June 1!

Early Childhood: St. Joseph Sunday School fills very quickly—please register for next year's classes NOW! Questions? Call Shannon at 562.598.0519.

Sunday Nursery: Available during 9:00 & 10:30 Masses. Closed on most holidays.



St. Joseph Book Club - Our new book will be **Half the Sky** by Nicholas D. Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn. We will be selling the books after all Masses on **May 31/June 1** for \$15 each. The books will also be on sale in the PAC from 8:30-3:30 Monday-Friday.

Fingerprinting Schedule

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

May 24 - Our Lady of Victory, Compton, 310-631-1831

May 31 - St. Philip Neri, Lynwood, 310-632-7179

Did You Know? Child protection is a priority for the Church

The Catholic Church has made care for minors a priority. More than five million minors have been educated on how to protect themselves from harm, and nearly two million adults have undergone background screening and training on appropriate relationships with youth in their care. To find out how you can keep children safe, please call the Archdiocesan Safeguard the Children Office, 213-637-7227.

Youth Ministry**Middle School Camp - Whispering Winds – June 6-8 -**

Come spend an amazing weekend growing closer to Jesus at a beautiful Catholic camp! Just \$185. Please visit the website for more information www.stjosephlb.org/middle-school/

High School - Steubenville Weekend – San Diego – July 25-27.

Cost only \$225. Get more details and see the video on our website www.stjosephlb.org/high-school/

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



Meditation opens access to the deeper prayer of our heart where we find "....love of God flooding our inmost heart through the Holy Spirit He has given us." Rom 6:5

Human Trafficking Crisis in Long Beach

You are invited to participate in a campaign of mercy. We are gathering items to be distributed to rescued victims of human trafficking. Humanitarian bags will help to **restore dignity and hope to these child victims** who come in with only the clothes on their backs. We ask that the items be new. Sample size toiletries are best (no hotel labels, they could trigger horrid memories). Bottle water, snacks, flip flops, socks, t-shirts, sweat pants, lap blankets, stuffed animals, inspirational books, a letter or card of hope and solidarity. These may be dropped at the rectory office.

Facts about human trafficking: globally, the average cost of a slave is \$90. There are approximately 30 million slaves worldwide. According to the U.S. State Dept., 600,000 - 800,000 people are trafficked across international borders annually. **More than 70% are female and half are children.**

An Eastertide Retreat to explore our journey with the resurrected Christ through the experience of the disciples on the road to Emmaus, facilitated by the Verbum Dei Missionary Sisters, **May 24**, 10-3, Verbum Dei Spirituality Center, St. Anthony Parish, 600 Olive Ave. Suggested donation \$20 includes refreshments and lunch.

"Those Feisty Women of the Gospels" with Kathy Coffey, **June 1**, 11:30 a.m. The Atrium, University Hall, Loyola Marymount. \$45/person includes luncheon.

Women were there at every juncture of Jesus' life: from his conception to his resurrection. Over time, they may have been edited out of the gospels, or their roles diminished, so let's resurrect their stories. We can re-imagine their lives, using an ancient Midrash technique. Then we'll make the link to our lives: what do they teach us today? Come for reflection, surprise and a new approach to reading the gospels. For information on how to register, contact Mary Haggerty mhaggerty@ivcusa.org



St. Joseph's Heartbeat God ♥ all

May 19 - Social/game gathering

June 2 & 16 - Social/game gathering

July 7 & 21 - Social/game gathering

Aug. 4 & 18 - Social/game gathering

Sept. 8 (2nd Monday due to Labor Day) & Sept. 22 (4th Monday) - Social/game gathering

Oct. 6 & 20 - Social/game gathering

Nov. 3 - Social/game gathering

Nov. 17 - Thanksgiving Luncheon

Dec. 1 - Social/game gathering

Dec. 15 - Christmas Luncheon

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, dinner @ Bucca de Beppo. \$100/person.

Boarding bus at 4:15 p.m., departing 4:30 p.m., dinner 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., show at 7:30 p.m., return 10:30 p.m.

July 15 - Escorted tour of Coronado Island, Harbor Cruise & lunch at Anthony's Fish Grotto on the water. Browse Hotel Del Coronado. \$85/person. Bus boarding at 7:30, depart at 7:45, return around 5:30. Final payment due June 2.

Sept. 28-30 - Trip to Sam's Town, Las Vegas. Includes: 3 days/2 nights at Sam's Town. \$130/person double occ. or \$168/person single. Boarding 7:45, depart 8:00, return Sept. 30 about 6:00 Sign up now. Final payment due August 4.

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. Final payment Oct. 6. More trips to come. For information/reservations, contact Gerry Seckington 420-3220 or Mary Lou Clark 431-4385.

Partner with Precious Life Shelter - Sign up for the Sugartown Challenge 5K run, **June 7**, at www.sugarbeetfestival.com

June 16 - 31st Annual St. Anthony High Monsignor Gualderon Golf Classic at El Dorado Park Golf Course. Registration: 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 to benefit St. Anthony Athletics!

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

May 31 - June 1: Feed-a-Baby Drive –
*Please note the date change in weekend.

Collecting non-perishable baby food and products for Catholic Charities and New Life Beginnings of Long Beach.

June 4, 7:00 p.m. - Committee meeting in the PAC. Come help us guide and plan our ministry to those in need of the Long Beach area.

Skip-A-Meal Donations - These are the main financial support of our ministry. For fulfilling opportunities to serve, call Tim Clark 431-4385.



Precious Life Shelter's **EAT/DRINK/SHARE Taste of New Orleans and "All that Jazz"** event, Sunday **June 29**, at Ralph Brennan's Jazz Kitchen in Downtown Disney. This event is a primary fundraiser, which supports the operations of the shelter. For more information, please contact Precious Life Shelter 562-431-5025.

"A Night Under the Stars" Holy Innocents School's 1st Annual Silent Auction & Fundraising Gala, May 30 at The Grand at 6p.m.! Come enjoy a night out; an opportunity to enjoy, relax, unwind and build fellowship within the community; and entertainment throughout the night, including "special" live operatic and piano performances, and dj Manu concluding the night to a fusion of genres: Latin, oldies, soft rock, R&B and a whole lot more. Enjoy wine tasting, a fabulous variety of silent auction items, live auction family package getaway, dinner and dancing!!! Don't wait. Reserve your spot now \$75/pp or \$700/per table of 10. Please visit our website: www.holyinnocentschlb.org or contact Maria Rocha @ 562- 424-1018.

Wishing upon a star to help us realize our goals!!!

Ignatian Volunteer Corps - There are schools and other local non-profits serving the poor and marginalized in the San Pedro Region that will benefit from your knowledge, skills & 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 info, contact Anne Hansen at ahansen@ivcusa.org or call 310-338-2358.

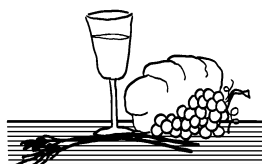
Parish Fair News:

Thank you to all of you who supported the Parish Fair this year. It was a fun time had by all and we had a wonderful turn out for this community building event which supports both our church and school.

A special thank you to our Gold Sponsors: Don Gath Insurance, Pam Luckey-Coldwell Banker Coastal Alliance, Mike & Kari Winget and Gary & Mary Lou Jondle. Please support our Gold Sponsors.

Save the Date: April 17, 18 & 19 to join us at the 2015 Parish Fair.

Mass Intentions



SATURDAY, May 17

5:00 p.m. - Mother's Day Novena

SUNDAY, May 18

7:30 a.m. - † Hugh Campbell

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

10:30 a.m. - Mother's Day Novena

12:30 p.m. - † Diane Ravod

MONDAY, May 19

8:00 a.m. - Mother's Day Novena

TUESDAY, May 20

8:00 a.m. - † Ed Merk

WEDNESDAY, May 21

8:00 a.m. - † Mabel Sharp

THURSDAY, May 22

8:00 a.m. - † Gerald Borst

FRIDAY, May 23

8:00 a.m. - † Thomas and Elizabeth Goonan

SATURDAY, May 24

5:00 p.m. - Steve & Madeline Majick
50th Anniversary

SUNDAY, May 25

7:30 a.m. - Steve & Madeline Majick

9:00 a.m. - Steve & Madeline Majick

10:30 a.m. - Steve & Madeline Majick

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

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
Devin Conway	

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, Marian O'Donnell, Louie Rubio, Teresa Stewart, Eloisa Mariano, Laverne Kelly, Billie Lamb, & Delia Nix.

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,		
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LITURGY/CHILDREN	Nancy Longo	598-0519
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SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES	Dcn. Don & Tina Gath	598-5202
Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick		594-4657

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

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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
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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