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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.

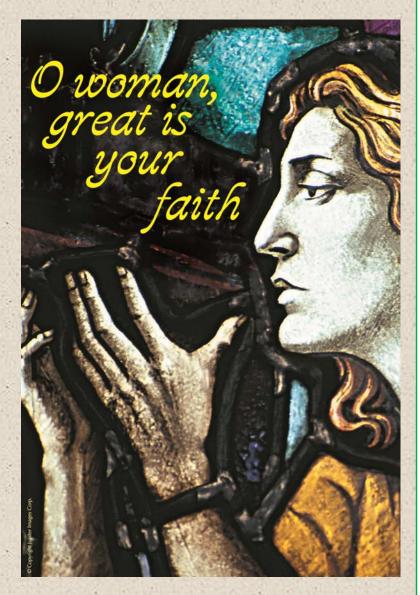
CONFESSION:

Saturdays: 4:00 to 4:45 p.m.

EUCHARISTIC 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.



Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 17, 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.

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From the Pastor's desk:

Triumphalism turns our focus only on ourselves and makes us more concerned about our own good rather than the good of others. In reality triumphalism, is pride and selfishness in the disguise of religion.

Universalism, on the other hand, is the spirit that says, we are all brothers and sisters, we are all one family and God is the Father of us all. God wants the salvation of everyone. And Jesus gave his life in order that salvation be shared equally and impartially for all.

Universalism doesn't see any group as more favored by God than another group. But it tells us that we all belong to God's chosen people. Universalism doesn't mean that we are better off than other people who follow their own conscience and seek God in a different way than we do. Universalism calls for an open-minded respect for all who seriously follow their religious convictions, because it recognizes that all people have the ability to participate fully in the salvation that Jesus brought to all of humanity.

Universalism doesn't say them and us; it says "all." And this "all" of universalism is the very heart of the gospel. In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah says "for all peoples." In the second reading, Paul says, "That God might have mercy upon all."

And Matthew, in the Gospel, teaches this same truth of God's will of universal salvation for all, by telling us the story of how Jesus extends salvation to a pagan woman, who is a non-Jew, she's an outsider, she isn't one of the chosen people.

Indeed, universalism is at the very heart of the gospel. In the end, what is really important, is to just hold onto the little word "all"; knowing that Jesus' salvation is for all.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8;

Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28 Monday: Ez 24:15-24; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 19:16-22 Tuesday:

Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35cd-36ab;

Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 20:1-16 Thursday: Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19;

Mt 22:1-14

Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107:2-9; Mt 22:34-40 Friday: Saturday: Ez 43:1-7a; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 23:1-12

Sunday: Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36: Mt 16:13-20

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

"Every time you listen with great attentiveness to the voice that calls you the Beloved, you will discover within yourself a desire to hear that voice longer and more deeply."

Fr. Henri J. Nouwen

Newcomers please call Marie Mitchell (310) 490-4012 for directions to the PAC Center.



From Deacon Don's desk:

Sometime back I read that 67% of Catholics do not believe in the "real presence" of our Lord in the miracle that takes place right here on our altar. Why? Because we have done a poor job of catechizing our Catholics? Have we not brought up our

children and/or parishioners with a prayerful and understanding attitude? Families with children: are we faithful in keeping holy the Sabbath?

It all starts with me and you. It starts with a prayerful life. Do you charge your cell phone? Your I-pod? Do you service your car regularly? Our prayer life is no different--it needs to be "charged" and "serviced" and "tuned up" regularly or it will wither and die. We must have trust.

This quote gave me a sort of wake up call, it goes like this: "We are **not** human beings going through a spiritual journey, we are **spiritual beings** going through a **temporary** human experience." We all have peaks that give us joy and valleys that sometimes trouble us. It's prayer that levels the peaks and valleys. We have many opportunities through Eucharistic adoration, reconciliation, bible study, our Lady of **Fatima rosary** for world peace (7:30PM Thurs), Our Lady of Perpetual Help after Tuesday AM Mass, and others: check the bulletin.

In last Sunday's Gospel, Peter sees Jesus walking on water and Jesus says: Courage! Don't be afraid! Then tells Peter: "Come." Peter fixes his gaze on Jesus and begins to walk on water toward Him. His faith fades and he loses confidence. He begins to sink into the water. Jesus saves him. "What little faith you have! Why do you doubt?"

Now, re-read the first paragraph.

During Mass at Communion time you come to the Altar to receive **Jesus**. We must **trust** that we are indeed receiving the **Body of Christ**. It is not ordinary bread; it's the Body, Soul and Divinity of God's Son. It should not be a matter of routine nor with little care or interest. This is the time to trust. Take time to be with Him. He cares for you more that we will ever know. He hears your cares and concerns. Offer your Communion for someone you know that needs these graces and prayers.

OUR PRAYER: Trusting, we go in peace glorifying God with our lives. Amen.

St. Joseph Office/Rectory Summer Hours

Monday-Friday 9am-2pm Saturday 9-am-noon **Closed Sunday**

If you need to reach Fr. Jim or the office staff after hours, please call and leave a message, 594-4657. We will be back to our regular hours starting August 25.

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 It's time to share those gifts from the Holy Spirit! Be an Amazing Catechist! We are looking for 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grade catechists at this time....but also those who would like to learn how to be a catechist. We are beginning a mentoring program. You would be teamed up with an experienced catechist – so that you could learn the "ropes." Call Nancy if you are interested.

We also need <u>Liturgy of the Word Catechists</u> - Once a month during the 9am Mass. Training provided! It's time to register for 1st Communion! For Confirmation! For Religious Education – grades 1 – 8! <u>Registration forms for Religious Education</u> are available on the Website, at the entrances to the church, at the Rectory and the PAC. Classes begin September 28! It would be great if you could register by September 8 to make sure we have enough resources!

Early Childhood: Our regular year runs September – April for ages 3, 4 and Kindergarten. Sign up NOW for the 2014-2015 school year! Registration forms can be found in the back of the church to the right of the doors as you walk in. Call Shannon at 562.598.0519 for more info. We want your family and little ones to know you are welcome and important members of our community. Join us!

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

St. Joseph Book Club - Our book this quarter is "My Life with the Saints" by Father James Martin, S.J. Fr. Martin doesn't just give the ordinary biography, rather he introduces the saints to the reader as one might introduce a friend or companion. He shares both aspirations and frustrations held in common with each. Our discussion will be held on Wednesday, Oct 1 at 7pm in the PAC. We will be selling the books after Sunday morning masses this week for \$15, then they will be available in the PAC. For further information you may contact Nancy Longo at the Religious Education office or e-mail Virginia Young at ginnyy67@gmail.com or check out the Adult Faith Formation page on our St. Joseph Website.

Interested in becoming Catholic, completing your sacraments, or just learning more about the Catholic Faith? Have you been thinking about becoming Catholic? Are you missing any of your Sacraments (Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation)? Do you have burning questions about the Catholic faith? Please contact Olga Cuda in the parish office, 594-4657.

Sacred Heart World Congress, Oct. 2-5, Irvine - Singles, married, families, religious and clergy are welcome to this life-changing event. Attendees will benefit from an in-depth catechesis about the Enthronement of the Sacred Heart, a special healing service, liturgical services and tracks. Build your house on rock. Register at www.sacredheartapostolate.com or 855-677-4111.

Music Ministry Fall Start-Up

<u>10:30 Choir</u>: It's time to join the choir! Rehearsals resume Wednesdays beginning **Sept. 3**, from 7-8:30 p.m. in the church.

<u>Children's Choir</u>: Open to children entering 2nd - 8th grade. First rehearsal is Sat., **Sept. 6**, 8:00 – 9:15 a.m. Children meet weekly and serve nearly once a month, mostly at the 9:00 Mass. Schedule and Registration forms available at rehearsal.



The disciples were gathered for Pentecost in the upper room, and suddenly... tongues as of fire appeared and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit! Acts 2:1-4

Women and Men of St. Joseph Parish - Is your heart on fire for Christ? Is it filled with the Holy Spirit? Or is your heart like a candle in the wind, flickering and barely alive?

If you want to experience what the disciples felt on the day of Pentecost, then give yourself the gift of a Cursillo and light your heart on fire!

A Cursillo is a 3-day retreat unlike anything you've ever experienced. Cursillo retreats run from Thursday evening thru Sunday. The next Cursillo weekends begin 10/23 (Men) and 10/30 (Women). For more information, contact Dcn. Shane @ sfcuda@yahoo.com, or go to OCCursillo.org

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Are you grieving: the loss of a loved one, a painful divorce or separation, a recent job loss / layoff, or an economic related stress? You do not have to carry this "emotional burden" alone, there is caring help available! A Parish Grief Support Group, sponsored by your St. Joseph Bereavement Ministry, will begin on Monday, September 15 at 7:00 pm in the PAC Chapel and will run for nine weeks. Practical, emotional, spiritual and social support will be offered to all parishioners free of charge. (Note: There will be a small charge for associated materials.) To register or for further information please call: Deacon Tom or Pat Halliwell at (562) 799-0921.

Is the Holy Spirit Calling You? - Catholic Engaged Encounter needs married couples to help prepare engaged couples for marriage. Whether you've been married 2 months or 40+ years, we need your help. Please call Paciano & Molly Diaz, 310-729-5890 - we'd love to talk with you, or visit our website www.ceeofla.org or email MollyandPaciano@gmail.com.

SCRC Convention - Aug. 29-31, Anaheim Convention Center. Theme: "You are the Light of the World." Guest speaker: Msgr. John Esseff, Blessed Mother Teresa's spiritual director. Over 40 speakers! Spiritually enriching for all ages. Info: 818-771-1361, spirit@scrc.org.

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St. Joseph's Heartbeat God ♥ all

St. Joseph Seniors support a Catholic education.
All welcome - 55+

Aug. 18 - Ice Cream 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

August 28 - "Money Tour" with lunch. Come along on a day trip, 1 1/2 hour tour of Federal Reserve Bank of L.A. with lunch at Philippe's, then a stop at the Well's Fargo Museum to see how banking was done back in the gold rush days. MUST have State issued ID to enter Bank. Only \$55 per person. Departs at 9 am sharp and returns around 4 p.m. 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.

Fingerprinting Schedule

San Pedro Region fingerprinting schedule for volunteers with our parish children, please call for an appointment: **Aug. 22** - St. Philip Neri, Lynwood, 310-632-7179

Did You Know? Victims of abuse can seek help/information by dialing toll free number - The Office of Victims Assistance Ministry of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles was created in April of 2002 to deal with allegations of past or current sexual abuse by clergy, religious, or any lay person working or volunteering for the Archdiocese. Call the office toll free number, (800) 355-2545, to report misconduct by a priest, deacon or other person working or volunteering for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles; to get information about the Archdiocese's ongoing commitment, programs resources that focus on outreach to victims/survivors of sexual abuse; and to report abuse suffered in another diocese and to receive assistance in connecting with the appropriate persons in that diocese.

"This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another. "JN 13:35

<u>This Weekend: Food from the Heart</u> – Please bring non-perishable family food items to Mass this weekend. Do-



nations will support Catholic Charities of Long Beach. <u>Sept. 25 – Committee Meeting</u> 7:00 p.m. in the PAC. Come share ideas and help us coordinate our 28th year of ministry to families in need, in our local community.

<u>Apprentice food purchasing coordinator</u>. Help to coordinate five, faithful disciples to price-compare and purchase food, three times per year for 65 local families.

Skip-a-Meal Donations: Our holiday support of 65 local families, is just around the corner! Skip-a-Meal donations support our ministry. A shortfall in donations affected our level of support last year. For fulfilling opportunities to serve, please call Tim Clark 431-4385.

SHOP FOR A CAUSE - pick up a \$5 voucher at **Precious Life**. On **Aug. 23**, take your voucher to Macy's and save 25% all day. Savings on regular, sale and clearance items - even most brands usually excluded. **Plus** - you will be entered into a drawing for a \$500 Macy's gift certificate. **The** \$5 stays with Precious Life to support the women and their babies! Questions - 431-5025.

You are invited to join Fr. Joseph Parathanal of Holy Family Church, South Pasadena on pilgrimages to: May 2015- Our Lady of Guadalupe, OCT. 2015 - Holy Land. Contact Bernadette at bcorp1114@hotmail.com or call 323-344-1548 or 323-547-6618.

Human trafficking: Human Trafficking is the fastest growing crime in the United States and its effects are being felt in every community. According to the Center for Missing and Exploited Children, over 100,000 kids under the age of 18 will become victims this year in the U.S. Long Beach has been named as one of the top cities in the U.S. for Trafficking. On the weekend of Sept. 27 & 28, Susan Patterson, author of the book "How You Can Fight Human Trafficking" will be speaking after all the Masses letting us know how to protect the most likely victims which are homeless teems and foster kids. Pope Frances has expressed to Catholics that the trafficking of persons is a "crime against humanity and must be stopped." In order to stop it, we need to understand this issue, so we know what actions to take. There will be a presentation by Susan Patterson for all those interested in finding out more regarding what one can do to fight human trafficking. Included in the meeting will be a section on how to protect our own children from becoming victims. Given how clever the Traffickers are at tricking kids, it is important that every parent be there. This meeting is for adults and teens 16 and older.

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Mass **Intentions**



SATURDAY, August 16

5:00 p.m. - † John DeRuyter

SUNDAY, August 17

7:30 a.m. - † Mimi Bloeser 9:00 a.m. - † Maria Dang

10:30 a.m. - † Fr. Tommie Devine 12:30 p.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners

MONDAY, August 18

8:00 a.m. - Genevieve Jenkins

TUESDAY, August 19

8:00 a.m. - † Louis Camus WEDNESDAY, August 20

8:00 a.m. - † John M. Stewart

THURSDAY, August 21

8:00 a.m. - † Nicolas D'Amore

FRIDAY, August 22

8:00 a.m. - † Nicolas D'Amore

SATURDAY, August 23

5:00 p.m. - † Madalyne Ursano

SUNDAY, August 24

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

9:00 a.m. - † Mimi Bloeser 10:30 a.m. - † Patrick Corry 12:30 p.m. - + Maria Dang

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 Rav 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, Sheila Corry, Dr. Cyril McNulty, Vinny Petronio, Autumn Majors, Gary Hillebrecht, Gene Adam, Nelson Molina, Adam Duntze, Karen Muccino. Charles Schad. Claudia Reasoner. Olga Kocevar. Joanne Rossello, Robert Taylor, baby Enzo Esparza, Mary Clair Preasant, Phil Gray, George Frank, Karen Grice, Ged Hay, Eileen Bentley, Linda Vaugh, Steve Ferris, Tamara Smith, Alexis Persyko, Evelyn Priddy, Marian O'Donnell, Teresa Stewart, Eloisa Mariano, Laverne Kelly, Billie Lamb, Delia Nix, Fr. Ford, Gene Ensch, Mike Brio, Bob Gomez, Bill Pearce, Noel Devine, Cindy Chadwick, Dick Vickers, Lydia Tovar, Nadia Garcia, Estella Exacoustos, Carrie Collodel, Jack Davis, Dennis Richards & John Cuneen.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

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FOR CHILDREN

of HOLY COMMUNION Bill & Katie Greening 421-3997 LECTORS Bill Smith 431-2495 **USHERS** Marty Vezzetti 425-0621 **ALTAR SERVERS** 430-0913 Stan Lawrence **DIRECTOR of MUSIC** Vivian Doughty 422-5430 ALTAR CARE 594-4657 Rectory **CHURCH SACRISTANS** Lily & Joe Dang 493-2198 (sister & brother)

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562-596-6115

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ADMISTRATIVE COUNSEL Katie Mais, Erin Wright & Sonia Yurak

OFFICE MANAGER Julie Gianessi

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> **BULLETIN NOTICES DEADLINE - MONDAY 1:00 PM** Please submit notices, with your name & phone, to the rectory or to bulletin@stjosephlb.org