



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.

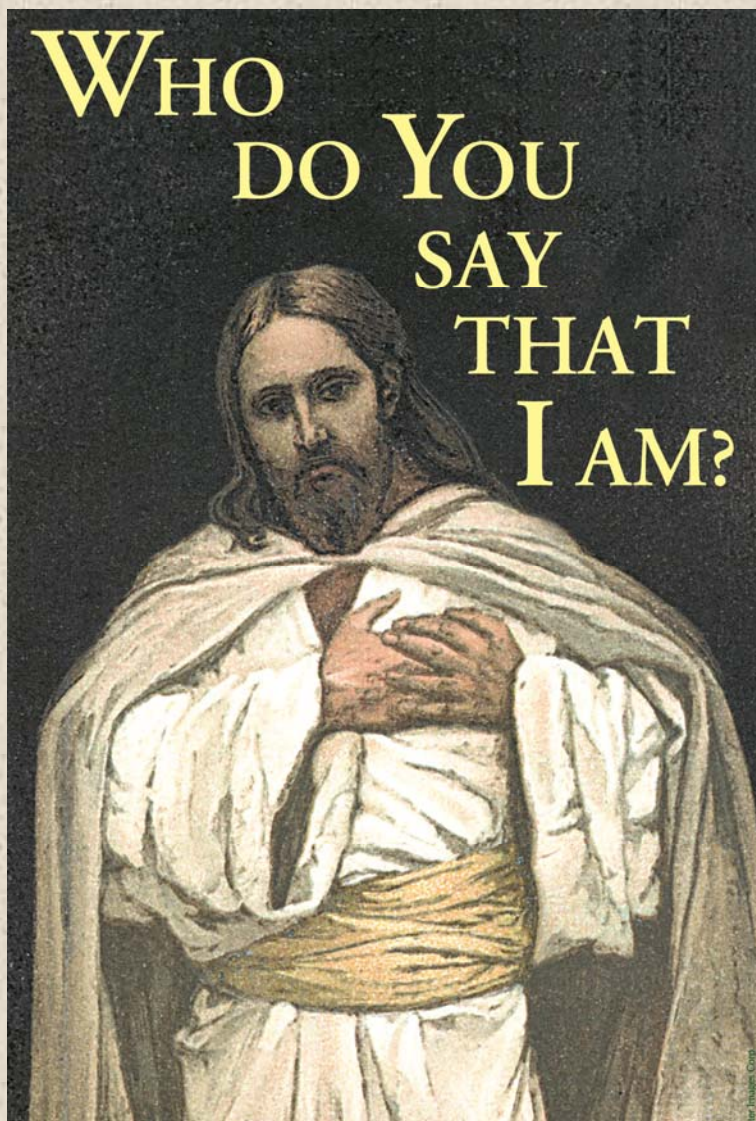
OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

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.



**Twenty-first Sunday
in Ordinary Time
August 24, 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:

It can be very easy, for an organization as big as the Church to be distracted from the fundamental truth that we are dependent upon God. Sometimes we can convince ourselves that it's our skills, or our ideas and our work that really matter. The encounter that Peter has with Jesus in today's gospel should cause us to step back and reflect on that.

Do we see ourselves as large foundation stones that do not depend on anyone else? Or do we see ourselves as little pebbles that God wants to use for His own purposes rather than our own?

The Second Vatican Council said that we should look at the Church in a different way from some of the images used in the past. From the many images the Council uses, there is one primary image that has evolved. The Church is seen as the Pilgrim People of God. This image doesn't exude power, or strength or dominance. In fact, it seems to be the opposite of these notions.

As a Pilgrim People, God leads us to the heavenly kingdom, and we can make this journey only if we depend upon the strength of God. Even today we are still a pilgrim people seeking our way to the kingdom of God through the hopes and joys, the sorrows and the pains that we encounter in our modern world. My prayer for each of us is that we come to know more fully that this is the Church of which we are members.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday:	Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20
Monday:	2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Ps 96:1-5; Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday:	2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10-13; Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday:	2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Ps 124:1-2, 4-5; Mt 23:27-32
Thursday:	1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-7; Mt 24:42-51
Friday:	1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mk 6:17-29
Saturday:	1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-21; Mt 25:14-30
Sunday:	Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

Unbound! This weekend we will be having a speaker tell us all about the sponsorship opportunities this organization offers. Unbound was founded by lay Catholics in 1981 to answer the call to serve the poor. By sponsoring a child, youth or aging person, that person will be able to attend school, eat nutritious meals, and receive medical care. Parents of sponsored children also benefit by receiving skills training. Program support receives 93.5% of all contributions, so you can be confident your money is doing the good you want it to. You will also be able to exchange letters and photos with your new friend.

Become a sponsor! Change the life of a child, encourage a youth or befriend an aging person.



From Deacon Don's desk:

What woman in history has inspired more art, poetry, or more music than any other woman? What woman has appeared more times on the cover of TIME magazine than any other woman? Yep, you guessed it! It's **Mary**, the mother of God! And we claim her as our own mother. This past two weeks we have celebrated the feast of the **Assumption of Mary** and last Friday, the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Lest we forget: her birthday Sept 8 and then Sept. 15 Our Lady of Sorrows.

Matthew Kelly in "Rediscovering Catholicism" notes that the first Christians gathered around her for comfort and guidance. We, on the other hand, seem to avoid her. He continues "...we need to find a place for her in our spirituality....**not** on our dashboard! Rosaries are hung on rear view mirrors and our necks but I have yet to see one in the hand of a driver! Put your cell phone down and pick up the rosary!"

At Pablo Casals 95th birthday, a reporter asked, "Mr. Casals, you are 95 and acclaimed as the greatest cello player that every lived. Why do you still practice six hours every day? Pablo Casals said, "because I think I'm making progress!" That's persistence! While on the subject of persistence: Tina and I have been members of St. Joseph parish since 1970 and have been here during Fr. Martin, founding pastor's reign. Have seen pastors, many dedicated associates, and many others, **but** none have surpassed **Fr. Ford** in persistence! He had his 65th anniversary of ordination last May and he remains cherished in our hearts in a special way. We aren't going to canonize you yet father! Prayer is a powerful tool--we'll use it often for you.

OUR PRAYER: Heavenly Father, grant us Your grace to obtain daily spiritual victories over ourselves. We honor the memory of the Virgin Mary, we ask that by the help of her prayers we too may come to share the fullness of Your grace. Grant this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit one God for ever and ever. Amen

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



**"You are a dwelling place for the
source of all life."**

-Macrina Wiedirkehr

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

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 **Liturgy of the Word Catechists** - 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! Registration forms for Religious Education 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 for \$15 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.

“Jesus is Lord” BIBLE STUDY starting up again! **Sept. 9** Tuesday 9:00 A.M. // **Sept. 11** Thursday 6:30 P.M.

Topic: Book of John – This semester.

Come and learn through the Powerful and Relevant teachings by Fr. Jim Nisbet as he leads us on a journey through this fascinating book. (And Great Fellowship, too!)

Information: Rita Smith 562- 533-1243

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.

Music Ministry Fall Start-Up

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

Children's Choir: 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.

Adult Confirmation - If you have not been confirmed and would like to be, please call the rectory office for information on classes available.

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.



St. Joseph's Heartbeat God ♥ all

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

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:

Sept. 17 - Ss. Peter & Paul, Wilmington, 310-834-5574

Sept. 20 - St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Lomita, 310-326-3364

Sept. 30 - St. Aloysius Gonzaga, L.A. 323-585-4485

Did You Know? Parishes and schools must have a Safeguard the Children Committee - Each parish/school site must have a Safeguard the Children Parish Committee. This program is not optional. Each parish/school must proceed by inviting parents and other lay volunteers to take the leadership in this effort. The Safeguard the Children Parish Committee includes representatives from both the parish and school working together to provide a safe environment for children. For more information please visit:
<http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/safeguard/Documents/2013-STCParishHandbook.pdf>

"You are being enriched in every way for all generosity, which through us produces thanksgiving to God." 2 Cor 9:11.



Food from the Heart - *Thank you* for your generous donations of family food items last weekend! The parish donated over 30 thirteen gallon bags of food and \$145 in cash, all of which were provided to Catholic Charities of Long Beach.

Sept. 25 - Committee Meeting 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.

Oct. 4-5 - Feed-a-Baby food drive. Donations will benefit Catholic Charities and New Life Beginnings of Long Beach.

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.

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.cceofla.org or email MollyandPaciano@gmail.com.

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.

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 teens and foster kids. Pope Francis 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.

Mass Intentions



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

MONDAY, August 25

8:00 a.m. - † Donald Pedneault

TUESDAY, August 26

8:00 a.m. - † Jean Sexton

WEDNESDAY, August 27

8:00 a.m. - † Robert Grosso

THURSDAY, August 28

8:00 a.m. - † Nicolas D'Amore

FRIDAY, August 29

8:00 a.m. - Risko family

SATURDAY, August 30

5:00 p.m. - Milt Frugolia

SUNDAY, August 31

7:30 a.m. - † Anthony Ursano

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

10:30 a.m. - † Ramon Garcia

12:30 p.m. - † Mimi Bloeser

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, 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 Vaughn, Steve Ferris, Tamara Smith, Alexis Persyko, Evelyn Priddy, Marian O'Donnell, Teresa Stewart, Eloisa Mariano, Laverne Kelly, Billie Lamb, Delia Nix, Fr. Ford, Gene Ensich, 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

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

of HOLY COMMUNION	Bill & Katie Greening	421-3997
LECTORS	Bill Smith	431-2495
USHERS	Marty Vezzetti	425-0621
ALTAR SERVERS	Stan Lawrence	430-0913
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		

ADULT MINISTRY

RCIA	Rectory	594-4657
BIBLE STUDY	Rita Smith	533-1243
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
MINISTERS TO THE SICK		594-4657

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

PASTORAL COUNCIL	Anne Weaver	498-7008
FINANCE COUNCIL	Moses Bass	
WEBSITE COORDINATOR	Mike Santy	799-0660

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	310-316-3477
	www.ceeofla.org/schedule.htm	

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