



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.

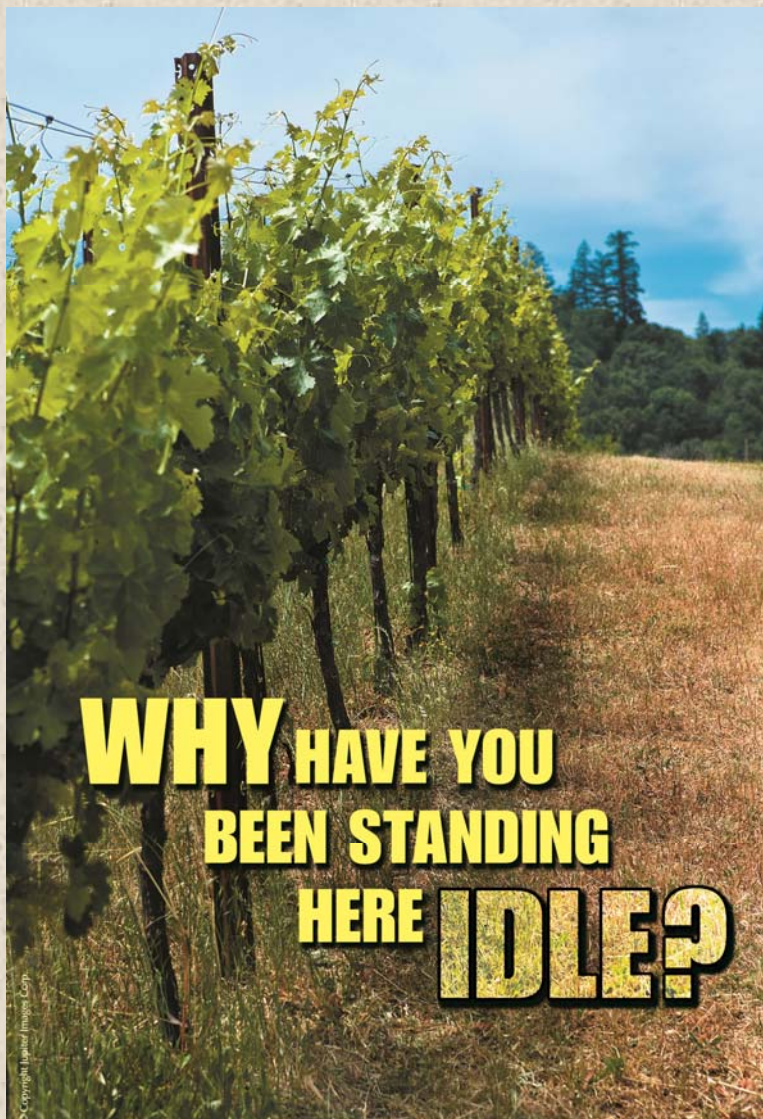
OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

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-fifth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
September 21, 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:

In today's Gospel Jesus tells a story, a parable about the way the landowner of a vineyard chooses to pay his workers. Those who arrive last to work receive exactly the same pay as those who were the first to arrive in the early morning.

There's no doubt in my mind that both labor unions and businesses wouldn't be rushing to adopt today's parable as a model for their mission statement. And in the same way kids who complete their chores at home would be very upset if everyone received the same allowance, no matter how much longer and harder some worked compared to others.

The parable of the laborers in the vineyard shows us that God chooses to have no favorites. In fact it shows us that he has a preferential love towards those who are last, the least, those who are marginalized and on the fringes. You see, our God desires that nobody is ever excluded from the banquet of life. And Jesus' mission on this earth, which continues through us today is to challenge any and every obstacle to God's desire to be inclusive of those in most need.

Today, we are left asking the question, how generous are we really prepared to be in our Christian lives? The lessons we learn through the parable of the vineyard, and indeed through the whole spectrum of Jesus' life and teaching, are focused on being radically inclusive. And this isn't just a case of "political correctness" but it's something much deeper and longer lasting. It is an invitation for us to be heralds of God's kingdom.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday:	Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a
Monday:	Prv 3:27-34; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday:	Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday:	Prv 30:5-9; Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; Lk 9:1-6
Thursday:	Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc; Lk 9:7-9
Friday:	Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4; Lk 9:18-22
Saturday:	Eccl 11:9 — 12:8; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday:	Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-9; Phil 2:1-11 [1-5]; Mt 21:28-32

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.

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



From Deacon Don's desk:

This Sunday's Gospel Mt 20:1-16 is about sending out the "day-laborers" to the vineyard. As it was once said: "This parable is definitely **not** a lesson in labor relations!" God doesn't owe salvation to anyone, even though this misconception still is alive in our day. God is never outdone in generosity! Our main purpose should be to love and serve and be thankful, not for a "reward." This Gospel challenges us. The first reading (Isaiah 55:6-9) "Let us return to God, who is generous in forgiving," and the Responsorial Psalm (Ps 145) introduces the Gospel theme about God's generosity. "Are you envious because I am generous?" (Mt 20:16)

"The Cross and the Catcher" "What's important is that baseball, after over 30 yrs of artificial turf, expansion, designated hitter, drugs and thousand dollar bubble gum cards, is still a gift given by fathers to children." ...Michael Chabon, Pulitzer prize author.

Del Crandall, catcher in '50s and '60s and considered the second best catcher next to Roy Campanella, a devout Christian who has four sons, his dream was to have them with ability to play ball even better than he did. But two of them have mental retardation and one will never be able to play catch with him. Del, speaking to a Christian audience banquet said, "This is where Jesus came to make a difference in my life....He came to help me handle my disappointments. God does not disappoint."

OUR PRAYER: Heavenly Father, let us curb our own desires and strive to discover Your Will for us. Help us to do that Will wholeheartedly in all things, for You have our best interests at heart. Amen

"Jesus is Lord" BIBLE STUDY has started again!

Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. and Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

Topic: Book of John – this semester

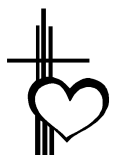
Come and learn through the powerful and relevant teachings by Fr. Jim Nisbet as he leads us on a journey through this fascinating book. (Great fellowship, too!)

Information: Rita Smith 562- 533-1243

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

"Be still and know that I am God"
--Psalm 46:10

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



Society of St. Vincent de Paul - Bundle Sunday -
Just a reminder! On **Sept. 28**, 8:00-1:30, please bring *usable* clothing, shoes, small appliances, household items, etc. Please phone 323-224-6280 for free pick up of large items - furniture, appliances, and vehicles. Remember your contributions will be helping the needy.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - 598-0519



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, www.stjosephlb.org/religious-education at the entrances to the

church, at the rectory and the PAC. Classes begin **September 28!** Confirmation Parent Orientation is **October 5.** Middle School begins Tuesday, **October 7.** It would be great if you could register by September 8 – to make sure we have enough resources!

Early Childhood: 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.

Southeastern District of the L.A. Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women district meeting Thursday, **Sept. 25.** Begins at 9:30 with Mass, includes Fr. Norm Supancheck speaking on "A Shepherd to Guide Us Through the Valley," lunch, and concludes at 1:30. \$11/ person prepaid. Make check to OLPH Women's Guild, mail to Pat Smith, 10220 Downey Ave., #31, Downey 90241 by Sept. 19. Info: Pat Smith, 562-862-8868. **All Catholic Women are member and there are no dues.**

Beginning Experience for Separated, Divorced, and Widowed, Sept. 26 - 28, Holy Spirit Retreat Center, Encino for people who have experienced the loss of a spouse. Cost \$250/person for a shared room; or \$325/person for a private room. Please contact Ms. Peg Setti at (818) 767-1007, or mailto:bela2011-30@hotmail.com



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

Sr. Helen Prejean, CSJ will be at St. Cyprian's on **Sept. 23, 7:00 pm.** Offering \$5. Sr. Helen divides her time between educating citizens about the death penalty and counseling individuals on death row.

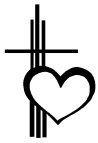
In preparation for her speaking engagement, *Dead Man Walking* will be shown at St. Cyprian, **Sept. 20, 7:00 pm.**

Women's Retreat: If you need some rest, peace, and inspiration, you're invited to El Carmelo Retreat House in Redlands. Three Carmelite friars will give talks celebrating the 500th anniversary of the birth of St. Teresa of Avila. Starts with dinner Friday night, **Sept. 26,** and ends Sunday, **Sept. 28,** after Mass and lunch. Cost for weekend, room with private bath, six meals: \$195 single, \$170 double. Please call Margaret Lander, 562-429-2897.

Fingerprinting Schedule

San Pedro Region fingerprinting schedule for volunteers with our parish children, please call for an appointment: **Sept. 30** - St. Aloysius Gonzaga, L.A. 323-585-4485

Did You Know? Young people who abuse alcohol are prey of perpetrators - According to the 2011 Monitoring the Future Survey, 70 percent of high school seniors and 33 percent of eighth graders have experimented with alcohol. Young people who abuse alcohol are more likely to have impaired judgment compared to those who do not. They are prone to making poor decisions, which can result in risky behavior such as driving while intoxicated, sexual activity, or violence. Young people who drink are also more likely to become victims or perpetrators of physical or sexual assault. In addition, recent research has shown the human brain continues to develop well into a person's twenties. Alcohol use at a very young age can significantly affect brain development. For a copy of the VIRTUS® article, "Alcohol abuse - The statistics and the risks for children," email: jvienna@la-archdiocese.org



ST. JOSEPH SENIORS

**We support a Catholic education.
Come join us!! Bring a friend!!**

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

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.

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 **Sept. 27**. To learn more, please visit www.ccli.org or contact Greg and Beth Gath at bethandgreg@verizon.net or 562-377-5877.

Human trafficking is the fastest growing crime in the U. S. and its effects are being felt in every community. According to the Center for Missing and Exploited Children, over 100,000 kids will become victims this year in the U.S. Long Beach is one of the top cities in the U.S. for Trafficking. On **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 Frances has expressed 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.

"Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us exercise them:" Rom 12:7

Sept. 20-21 - Ministry Fair – Please stop by to learn about MANY fulfilling opportunities to serve those of our community in need.

Sept. 25 – Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m. in the PAC.

Come share ideas and help us coordinate our 28th year of ministry.

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! Would you like to share in our ministry? Please call Tim Clark 431-4385.



Secular Carmelites: Do you feel called to a deeper spirituality? The Catholic spiritual tradition inspired by St. Teresa of Avila, St. John of the Cross, and St. Therese of Lisieux, describes a way to live in closer relationship with the living Christ and the practical caring for others that flows from this relationship. We are Secular Order Discalced Carmelites, lay men and women committed to living the fullness of God's love through prayer and scripture, with the aid and guidance of Our Lady. For information, please call 562-774-3549. We meet at St. Raymond's in Downey.

Rest In Peace

Died in Christ:

John Bloeser



School Announcement

STUDENT NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

The school, mindful of its mission to be a witness to the love of Christ for all, admits students regardless of race, color or national and/or ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school.

The school does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, disability, sex or national and/or ethnic origin in the administration of educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs, although certain athletic leagues and other programs may limit participation and some archdiocesan schools operate as single sex schools.

While the school does not discriminate against students with special needs, a full range of services may not always be available to them. Decisions concerning the admission and continued enrollment of a student in the school are based upon the student's emotional, academic and physical abilities and the resources available to the school in meeting the student's needs.

Mass Intentions



SATURDAY, September 20

5:00 p.m. - † Paul Vadasz

SUNDAY, September 21

7:30 a.m. - The Cuda family

9:00 a.m. - † Paul Vadasz

10:30 a.m. - † Clara Ayala

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

MONDAY, September 22

8:00 a.m. - † Maria Hai Dang

TUESDAY, September 23

8:00 a.m. - † Rachel Sifuentes

WEDNESDAY, September 24

8:00 a.m. - † Salud Garcia

THURSDAY, September 25

8:00 a.m. - John Christie

FRIDAY, September 26

8:00 a.m. - † Antonietta Gigliotti

SATURDAY, September 27

5:00 p.m. - † John DeRuyter

SUNDAY, September 28

7:30 a.m. - † Wally Hillebrecht

9:00 a.m. - † Mimi Bloeser

10:30 a.m. - St. Joseph Parishioners

12:30 p.m. - † Gina Castillo

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, Charles Schad, Karen Muccino, Claudia Reasoner, Olga Kocovar, Joanne Rossello, Robert Taylor, baby Enzo Esparza, Mary Clair Preasant, Phil Gray, George Frank, Karen Grice, Eileen Bentley, Linda Vaughn, Steve Ferris, Alexis Persyko, 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, Jean Laybourne, Duane Studer, Janeen Higbee & Patricia Berry.

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
ADMISTRATIVE 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	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	420-1877
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	Paciano & Molly Diaz	310-729-5890
	ktmr@sbcglobal.net	

NATURAL FAMILY		
PLANNING	Greg & Beth Gath	377-5877
SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN	Monica Muñoz & 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