



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.

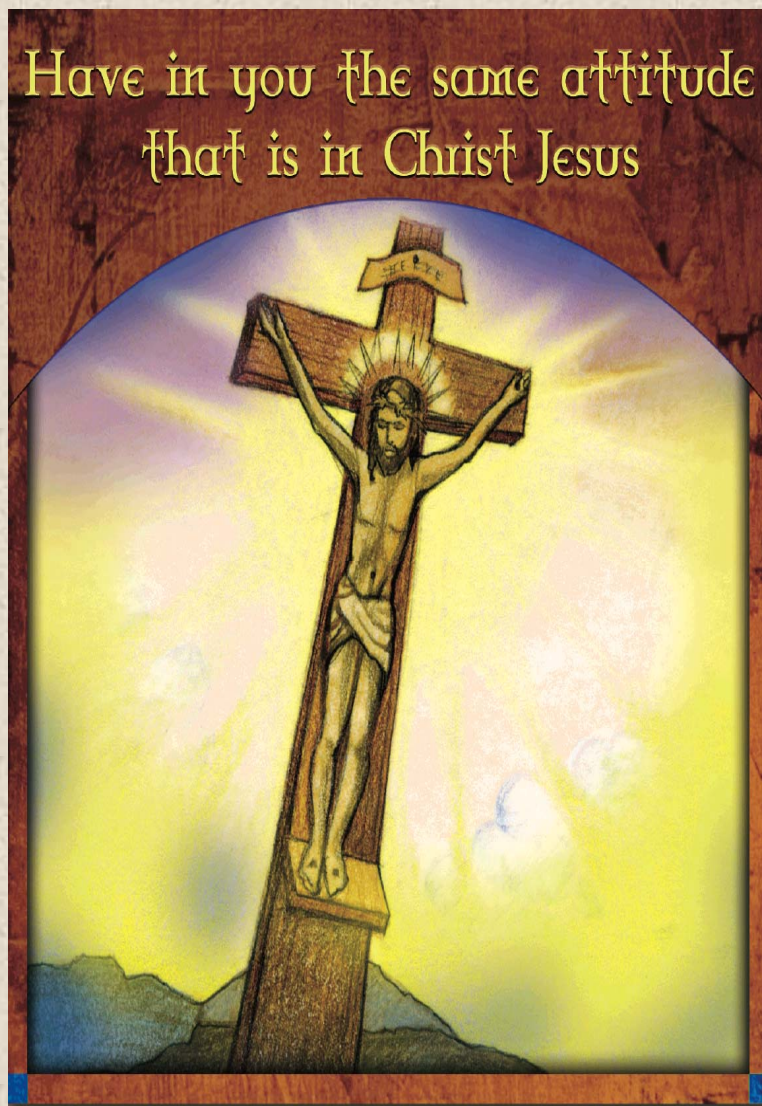
OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

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-sixth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
September 28, 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 short parable, after last Sunday's longer parable of the vineyard, Jesus presents us with a teaching that is transparently clear. A father invites both of his sons to go and work in his vineyard. The first says "yes" but does nothing, the younger son says "no" but has a change of heart and gets to work.

The parable tells us that there is work to be done. But the question is, who is prepared to do it? Saying one thing and doing another will never produce fruit or results, and it is never an acceptable option to be taken. In other words we can't be "armchair Christians." The younger son in today's parable, who was reluctant to act in the beginning, understood the true meaning of obedience.

For all of us who have been baptized in Christ, obedience is inseparable from truly loving God. We can only truly listen and act when our minds are in sync with the mind of Christ, who emptied himself completely, pouring out his life in perfect love.

And that perfect love of Christ in turn fills our emptiness, and our brokenness is made whole. My hope and prayer for each of us is that all of our thoughts and all our activity, everything that we do, are visible signs to others of God's love for us and our love for God.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday:	Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-9; Phil 2:1-11 [1-5]; Mt 21:28-32
Monday:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51
Tuesday:	Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Ps 88:2-8; Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday:	Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10bc-15; Lk 9:57-62
Thursday:	Jb 19:21-27; Ps 27:7-9abc, 13-14; Mt 18:1-5, 10
Friday:	Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-3, 7-10, 13-14ab; Lk 10:13-16
Saturday:	Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130; Lk 10:17-24
Sunday:	Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

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? Do you have burning questions about the Catholic faith? Please contact Olga Cuda in the parish office, 594-4657.

Reflections on Catholic Social Justice - Summary Teachings 1 through 3 of 9, based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

1. All human life is sacred. The basic equality of all people flows from their dignity as human persons and the rights that flow from that dignity.
2. The human person is the principle, the object, and the subject of every social group.
3. The human person has been created by God to belong to and to participate in a family and other social communities.



From Deacon Don's desk:

You say, "The Lord's way is not fair!" Is it **my** way that's unfair or rather are **your** ways **unfair**? Ezekiel speaks of personal responsibility. Speaking for the Lord he says that when we chose sin we will suffer for that choice, but if we choose to do what is right and just we will live.

Paul's letter to the Philippians (2:6-11) is read each week #1 in Sunday's evening prayer (Liturgy of Hours). Part of it reads, "Though He was in the form of God, Jesus did not deem equality with God something to be grasped at. Rather, He emptied Himself and took the form of a slave, being born in the likeness of men." Read this to help us in our taking on humility, i.e. putting on Christ.

Here is a message of hope from a Jesuit priest taken from an old traditional saying, "Each person comes into this world with a special message to deliver, with a special song to sing to others, with a special act of love to bestow. No one can speak my message, or sing my song, or offer my act of love. These are entrusted to me by our Lord."

He was described by his schoolmaster as "Mentally slow, unsociable and adrift in his foolish dreams." His name: Albert Einstein.

Be careful who you judge, "Amen I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you." (Mt 21:31-32)

OUR PRAYER: Father, You show Your almighty power in Your mercy and forgiveness. Fill us with Your gifts of love. Help us to hurry to the eternal life you promise and share in the joys of Your kingdom. Amen

"Jesus is Lord" BIBLE STUDY has started again!

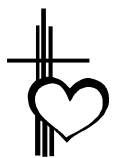
Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. and Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

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!**



"Solitude is the empty space that we deliberately choose in order to be with the Beloved."

--Joyce Rupp "The Cup of Our Life"

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



Opening Day!

Early Childhood – 9-10am

Elementary – 10:30-11:45 in the Parish Hall! Please come to the hall if you haven't registered!

Middle School begins Tuesday, Oct 7.

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 school library. For further information you may contact Nancy Longo at the Religious Education office or e-mail Virginia Young at ginny67@gmail.com or check out the Adult Faith Formation page on our St. Joseph Website.

Virtus Training for those who work with our children but have not taken the **Safeguard the Children** classes or who need to renew. All teachers, catechists, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Ushers, etc. need to take the class as mandated by the archdiocese. Please call our Religious Ed office to sign up, 598-0519

Protecting God's Children, for those who have never taken the class, **Oct. 7 or 15, 6:30-9:30 p.m.** in the hall.

Keeping the Promise Alive, for those who need to be recertified, **Oct. 8 or 14, 6:30-8:00 p.m.** in the hall.

Our Lady of Guadalupe and Mexico Pilgrimage

Nov. 17-23 - Join Fr. Agustin Barco, Fr. Carl Bell and our group of pilgrims to honor Our Blessed Mother on her apparition anniversary. For detailed itinerary and reservation, please contact Claudia Venegas at claudia@holysitetours.com or (714)414-2038 and/or Ronald Haller at ronaldhallertravel@gmail.com or (714)746-4199.

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 Christ and the caring for others that flows from this relationship. We are Secular Order Discalced Carmelites, lay men and women committed to living God's love through prayer and scripture. For information, please call 562-774-3549.

18th Annual Memorial Mass

The month of November has always been a special time for remembering in prayer our loved ones who have died. As this time approaches, we would like to support those who have experienced the loss of a loved one.

We invite you, your family and friends to join with our Saint Joseph community for the eighteenth annual Memorial Mass to be celebrated in our church on Sunday, November 2 at 4:00 p.m.

The name of your loved one will be inscribed on our Scroll and in our parish "Book of Life" and each will remain on display, in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, for the month of November.

Following Mass, there will be a "potluck" in our parish hall. Please bring a dish (hot or cold) for approximately six people. We look forward to seeing you on Nov. 2.

For further information please call Charlotte 439-7733 or Dave 429-3316.



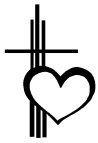
Women and Men of St. Joseph Parish

Is your heart on fire for Christ? Is it filled with the Holy Spirit or 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). Contact Dcn. Shane @ sfcuda@yahoo.com, or OCCursillo.org

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? A healthy scrutiny of programs for kids helps create a healthy environment - It is not a best practice for a parent, guardian, employer, or manager to blindly trust everyone who works with children. Yet, paranoia of those who work with children is also not a best practice. There is a healthy balance. By regularly and frequently questioning the actions and motives of those who work with children, parents and other adults can audit the programs their children participate in and help keep caregivers accountable for their work. In this process, parents and other adults can create a constant fear of being caught in the mind of a perpetrator. By channeling this kind of healthy scrutiny and suspicion into accountability, adults can create an environment where children are protected, quality care is emulated, and abuse is not tolerated. For a copy of the VIRTUS® article, "An ounce of healthy suspicion is worth a pound of prevention," email: jvienna@la-archdiocese.org



ST. JOSEPH SENIORS

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

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

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.

"COME AND SEE..." JOHN 1:39

Have you ever thought about being a Religious Sister? Is God calling you? SACRED HEART SISTERS would like to share with you about our Religious Life. We are inviting single women of high school and college age: Sunday, October 5, 2-7 p.m. at the HEART OF JESUS RETREAT CENTER, 2927 South Greenville St., Santa Ana, 92704. Mass is not included; dinner will be provided. Please RSVP by October 4 to (714) 557-4538 or heartofjesusrc@sbcglobal.net

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.

"Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples feet." Jn 13:5

Ministry Fair A heartfelt THANK

YOU and WELCOME to nine parish-

ioners who offered themselves in ser-

vice to our less fortunate brothers and sisters at last week-

end's Ministry Fair! And to our ambassadors for the event,

facilitators emeritus, Jan and John Minter.

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

Nov. 1-9 – Blanket Drive for our Thanksgiving Food and

Gift distribution

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.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul - Bundle Sunday -

Today, from 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.

St. Cornelius Annual Fiesta - Please join us for fun, food, and fellowship at our annual school Fiesta! Games, entertainment, great food, desserts and prizes – win \$2,000! Saturday, Sept 27 (2:30-10p) and Sunday, Sept 28 (1-7p), at the corner of Bellflower and Wardlow. See the school website for more details: www.stcornelius.net/fiesta

ST. BERNARD FALL FESTIVAL - Friday, October 3, 5 p.m.-10 p.m., Saturday, October 4, 12 p.m.-10 p.m., Sunday, October 5, 8 a.m.-8 p.m., 9647 East Beach Street, Bellflower, 562-867-2337, www.stbernard-bellflower.com

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 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

MONDAY, September 29

8:00 a.m. - † Maria Hai Dang

TUESDAY, September 30

8:00 a.m. - † Ed Hanger

WEDNESDAY, October 1

8:00 a.m. - † Monica Conlon

THURSDAY, October 2

8:00 a.m. - † Flora Hamel

FRIDAY, October 3

8:00 a.m. - † Dolores Fuller

SATURDAY, October 4

5:00 p.m. - † Patrick Corry

SUNDAY, October 5

7:30 a.m. - Annemarie Forster

9:00 a.m. - † Maria Hai Dang

10:30 a.m. - † Nicholas D'Amore

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, Sheila Corry, Dr. Cyril McNulty, Vinny Petronio, Autumn Majors, Gary Hillebrecht, Gene Adam, Nelson Molina, Adam Duntze, Charles Schad, Karen Muccino, Claudia Reasoner, Olga Koccevar, 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 & Jay Kefalas.

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	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