

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH 6220 E. Willow Street Long Beach, CA 90815

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Office Hours

Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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SUNDAY MASSES

Vigil Mass: 5:00 p.m. Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, and 10:30 a.m.

and 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.

You are children

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time November 16, 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:

In the Gospel today, it seems like Jesus has become a financial advisor, which is a very popular profession these days. And maybe it isn't bad advice for many of us who don't know how to manage what we have and end up in

difficulty because we did not learn to save or distribute our finances better.

But, on the other hand, this message appears to contradict the warnings and advice that Jesus makes in other places about money. Is he contradicting himself? No. But today is a day to take stock in what we have. What have we received in personal qualities, blessings, relationships, gifts, and even material wealth?

What purpose would the talent of all the geniuses in history have served if they had not created anything? The nature of God, which is given in great abundance, is to relate, multiply, get outside ourselves to give to others and produce fruits in life.

In reality the things we have do not belong to us: they were given so we could continue God's great works in this world. To selfishly hide them will only end up killing them. When we give generously of our talents, only then can they can produce greater kindness, and love will make them multiply.

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



"Happy the man who meditates...who ponders his ways in his heart..."

--Sirach 14:20

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128:1-5; 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21] Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 19:1-10, or, (for the memorial of the Dedication)

Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Ps 98:1-6; Mt 14:22-33

Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 19:11-28 Thursday: Rv 5:1-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 19:41-44 Friday: Rv 10:8-11; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131;

Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: Rv 11:4-12; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Lk 20:27-40 Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-3, 5-6;

1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection Nov. 23. Help communities in the U.S. change structures of poverty and build economy based on justice and dignity. Please make checks to St. Joseph Church. "Never tire of working for a more just world, marked by greater solidarity!" -Pope Francis



From Deacon Don's desk:

As we approach the end of the liturgical year, our attention is drawn more and more to the end of our lives and the accounting we must give for our use of God's gifts. Jesus' parable speaks for itself. The faithful servants are generously rewarded because

they were responsible and used what was given to them. Our relationship with God is not a "cold business deal," but God expects us to show **gratitude for gifts given** us. Also for God's confidence in our sense of responsibility by using our "talents" wisely. Remember the corporal works of mercy? The King will use this standard: did we feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the sick and imprisoned, give drink to the thirsty, welcome a stranger, and when you do these things you welcome Me.

Cecil B. DeMille, famous for the movie **The 10 Commandments**, was asked, "What commandment do you think people break most today?" He said, "The **first** one - worship no God but Me - do not bow down to any idol. It's the one Israel broke first and the one we still break most." He added to clarify, "We don't bow down to idols of metal and stone any more, rather we bow down to idols of flesh, idols of fame and money."

"Not all of us understand spiritual values as well as we should, nor do we give them a proper place in our lives."Saint Pope John XXIII

OUR PRAYER: Lord, as a sign of Your love, You renew each day for the sake of our well-being and happiness. Renew us daily for the sake of Your glory and to recognize Your presence in all people, especially in the poor and those who mourn. Amen



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 weekend is unlike anything you've ever experienced. Cursillos run from Thursday evening thru Sunday. The next Cursillo weekends begin 1/8 (Men) and 1/22 (Women). Contact Dcn. Shane @ sfcuda@yahoo.com, or OCCursillo.org

Capital Campaign for Parish Life Center remodel -

We are well on our way in achieving our goal of renovation. So far, we have \$161,155 pledged, over half of our goal. There are pledge envelopes in church, and in the rectory office, if you would like to pick one up and add your pledge. Let's make it 100% participation! Thank you and may God continue to bless you all.

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

Early childhood - 9am - 10am

Religious Education –1st Communion! Thru 5th Grades, Sundays 10:30-11:45 am.

Confirmation is at 11:00am through 12:30pm Mass. Middle School is on Tuesdays from 7-8pm

Important Religious Education Dates:

11/23 – All confirmation students & parents meet in the Hall

11/30 – No Religious Education Classes

12/14 – Early Childhood Children will sing after 9am Mass

12/14 – Elementary Children will Celebrate Christmas Story in the Hall from 10:30-11:45am.

12/16 – Middle School YM will Sing at Convalescent Hospital from 6-7pm, followed by Pizza Party!

No Classes 12/21 & 12/28 for Early Childhood, Elementary and Confirmation

No Classes 12/23 & 12/30 for Middle School

Sacrament Preparation Parent Night

Monday, November 17 - Year I - 6-7pm, Year 2 - 7-8pm in the Parish Hall



Holy Grounds CAFE – Are you busy? Stressed? Overburdened?

Everyone thinks others have their "faith act" all together! Guess what? We are all in the same boat....none of us has our

faith all together...we are all on a journey- some of us even have sinking boats!!! We need each other to laugh with, to lean on and to grow with. Let's come together in unity to share our prayer for our families and share ways we can help each other and our families grow closer to God! Come and enjoy coffee, donuts and sharing faith with other adults in the Parish Life Center from 10:40 - 11:40. Sunday, Nov 16 Topic: Prayer. Sunday, Nov 23 Topic: Preparing for Advent – Ideas for Home.



Our book this quarter is "50 Reasons I Love Being Catholic" by Elizabeth M. Kelly. There are so many reasons to love being Catholic, and thirty-something Liz Kelly - a successful writer and jazz singer

- eagerly shares those reasons in May Crowning, Mass, and Merton. Kelly says, "Mine is not an extraordinary faith . . . but the litany of reasons to love being Catholic is extraordinary." Kelly lists 50 reasons to embrace the Catholic faith, including daily Mass, kneelers in church, and the crucifix. With wit and great affection, covering everything from Michelangelo's creation frescoes to St. Pope John Paul II, this lay Catholic reminds us all why the Catholic faith is so special. We will be selling the books on Sundays, Dec 7 and 14 outside Mass. For further information you may contact Nancy Longo at the Religious Education office, e-mail Virginia Young at ginnyy67@gmail.com or check out the Adult Faith Formation page on our St. Joseph Website. Book Club discussion will be on January 14 at 7pm.

Middle School Youth Ministry

On-The-Edge Middle School Youth Ministry Night -

Tuesday, 11/25 in the Parish Hall. Open for all 6-7-8th graders. Free. Bring your friends. All are welcome!

High School Youth Ministry

<u>IPOD Raffle Tickets</u> on Sale - \$5 each – Raffle Drawing for Christmas - 12/21!

Revelation Nights always on Wednesdays 7:30-8:30pm The Word (Bible Study for Teens) on Thursdays from 7:00-8:15pm

Immaculate Heart Radio Is Coming to LA - Come watch as Archbishop Gomez "flips the switch" and launches Immaculate Heart Radio KHJ AM 930 on Nov 17, 1pm in the Ballroom of The Center at Cathedral Plaza. All are welcome to this historic event. If you cannot join us, please tune in at 1pm and listen to our first live broadcast. For more information or to register go to ihradio.com/register.

WOMEN'S MEDITATION

Every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Parish Life Center Chapel (No meeting Wed. Nov. 26)

Fingerprinting Schedule

San Pedro Region fingerprinting schedule for volunteers with our parish children, please call for an appointment: **Nov. 19** - St. John Fisher, Rancho Palos Verdes, 310-377-4573

Did You Know? Who should report child abuse?

Priests, deacons, school faculty and administrators, and staff members are mandated reporters under California law. When one receives information leading to a "reasonable suspicion" that a child is being abused or neglected, he or she must make a report to the appropriate agency. For information on responding to an allegation of suspected child abuse: www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/yam

St. Joseph Catholic School Applications 2014-2015 School Year

St. Joseph Catholic School is now accepting applications for Kindergarten and our Transitional Kindergarten (Alpha-K) for the 2015-2016 school year. Applicants for Kindergarten must turn 5 years old by August 31, 2015. Applicants for Alpha-K must turn 4 years old by August 31, 2015.

Alpha-K: Emphasizes developmental readiness skills with a hands-on approach to curriculum

Focuses on Kindergarten readiness

Students receive daily instruction in religion and attend Mass weekly

Offers a half-day (7:50-11:50 am) or full-day (7:50 am – 3:00 pm), 5-days-per-week program

Extended daycare is available until 5:30 pm

Please call our school office at (562) 596-6115 or send an email to jgianessi@sjknights.net to receive an application or set up an appointment with Mrs. Alvarez our principal.

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ST. JOSEPH SENIORS

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

Nov. 17 - Thanksgiving Luncheon

<u>Dec. 1</u> - Social/game gathering

<u>Dec. 15</u> - Christmas Luncheon - Please sign up now. \$15.00 per person. Please make checks payable to St. Joseph Seniors. Please make reservation by Dec. 11.

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

In the Spring, a cruise up the California, Oregon and Washington coast to Vancouver Canada. More info to follow....

People for Others Christmas Trip - Riverside Resort, Laughlin, **Dec. 2-5**. Reservations/info: Tom 425-2636.

Music Scholarship Auditions at Mount St. Mary's College, Nov. 22, Jan. 24, Feb. 21, and Mar. 14, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For requirements and application, please visit www.msmc.la.edu/undergraduate-bachelor-programs/music/music-scholarship-auditions.asp

"Jesus is Lord" BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. and Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. Topic: Book of John

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

November - National Adoption Awareness Month! Information meeting **Dec. 13**, 10:00-11:30, Double Tree Hotel, 2 Civic Plaza, Carson. Contact: 800-730-3933

All Souls Catholic Cemetery Pre-Need Cemetery Planning

Making cemetery arrangements in advance of need is both a loving and financially wise thing to do. Advance planning provides a family reassurance, comfort and peace of mind.

Such thoughtfulness relieves family members from shouldering the burden during a most stressful time, allowing for careful decision-making in an unhurried atmosphere and assuring that your expressed wishes be followed. The added affordability also represents significant savings.

You owe it to yourself and to your family to explore the advantages of advance planning. To learn more, please call (562) 424-8601 ext. 1 to let our experienced representatives aid you with any questions you may have.

"He who has compassion on the poor lends to the Lord, and He will repay him for his good deed." Prov: 20:17

Drivers Needed! - Our Thanksgiving food and blanket distribution to 65 local families will be 8:30 a.m., Nov.

22. Can you help? Please call Amy McKenna, 427-5917.

St. Joseph

This Weekend – Blanket Drive for our Thanksgiving Food and Gift distribution.

Skip-a-Meal Donations: Please be especially mindful during our holiday support of 65 local families. There are many wonderful opportunities to serve during the holiday season. Would you like to share in our ministry? Please call Tim Clark 431-4385.

Concern America Craft Sale November 16, unique quality handcrafts and an opportunity to purchase conscientiously. Gifts for special events, holidays, or to brighten our homes are an exchange of caring with impoverished communities in developing countries. Many new crafts from Bangladesh, El Salvador, Guatemala and Mexico. Inspired by nature, these beautifully handcrafted textiles, ceramics and wood products honor indigenous traditions and are reminders that we are providing a source of income to materially poor communities; eco-friendly work patterns; and fair working conditions. Concern America, is an international development and refugee aid organization (714) 953-8575. You may view a selection of their crafts on their web site: www.concernamerica.org

How will you respond? Would you like to make a difference? Do you want to serve those in need and work for social justice? *RESPONSE* 2015, the most comprehensive guide of faith-based service opportunities, is now available - and it's free! Volunteers serve full-time for periods of one week to one year or more across the U.S. and in more than 100 countries. Positions are available for single or married volunteers, including those with children. Contact Catholic volunteer Network to receive a copy of *Response* 2015. Call 800-543-5046 or email info@catholicvolunteernetwork.org. Or check out the website www.catholicvolunteernetwork.org.

Cornelia Connelly Open House Sunday, November 16, 12-3 p.m. 2323 W. Broadway Anaheim 92804. Visit the campus, meet teachers and students, learn about our International Exchange Program, consider Connelly as a High School for your daughter. For more information call:714-776-1717 ext. 221, email: admissions@connellyhs.org

St. Joseph High School, 5825 N. Woodruff Ave., Lakewood, 562-925-5073 x151

Day in the Life of a Jester - Come visit for a day and see what it is like to be a Jester! **Nov. 21, 8 - noon**.

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Mass Intentions



SATURDAY, November 15

5:00 p.m. - † Botelho and Salvate families

SUNDAY, November 16

7:30 a.m. - † Mary Hall

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

10:30 a.m. - † Edward Sirrotnak

12:30 p.m. - † Sandra Guegel

MONDAY, November 17

8:00 a.m. - † Nicholas D'Amore

TUESDAY, November 18

8:00 a.m. - † Berry Bolger

WEDNESDAY, November 19

8:00 a.m. - † Wally Dunning

THURSDAY, November 20

8:00 a.m. - † John G. Rule

FRIDAY. November 21

8:00 a.m. - † Goode Mason

SATURDAY, November 22

5:00 p.m. - † Ron Lowen

SUNDAY, November 23

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

9:00 a.m. - † Mimi Bloeser

10:30 a.m. - Noel and Mary Devine and family

12:30 p.m. - † Sandra Guegel

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, Charles Schad, Karen Muccino, Claudia Reasoner, Olga Kocevar, Joanne Rossello, Robert Taylor, Enzo Esparza, Mary Clair Preasant, Phil Gray, George Frank, Karen Grice, Eileen Bentley, Linda Vaugh, 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, Dick Vickers, Lydia Tovar, Nadia Garcia, Estella Exacoustos, Carrie Collodel, Jack Davis, Dennis Richards, Jean Laybourne, Duane Studer, Janeen Higbee, Patricia Berry, Jay Kefalas, Marian Steins, Stacey Marcus & Shirley Morasse.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

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 Rectory 594-4657 **CHURCH SACRISTANS** Lily & Joe Dang 493-2198 (sister & brother)

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 598-0519 Marc Leon **EARLY CHILDHOOD** 598-0519 **Shannon Carpenter** LITURGY/CHILDREN Nancy Longo 598-0519 RCIC (Children) 598-0519 Nancy Longo SUNDAY NURŚERY 430-6840 Shannon Carpenter BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY FOR CHILDREN

ADULT MINISTRY

RCIA	Sister Eva	594-4657
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BIBLE STUDY	Rita Smith	533-1243
BAPTISM PREPARATION	Olga Cuda	594-4657
BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY	Dave Desmond	429-3316
	Charlotte Morrison	439-7733
MEDITATION	Marie Mitchell	310-490-4012
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COMMUNITIES	Dcn. Don & Tina Gath	598-5202
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PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Anne Weaver

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420-1877

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BOY SCOUTS

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	Olga Cuda	594-4657
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Please submit notices, with your name & phone,
to the rectory or to bulletin@stjosephlb.org

Moses Bass

Tom Lane