



# ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

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## RECTORY

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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.**

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Thursday before  
the first Friday of the month, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

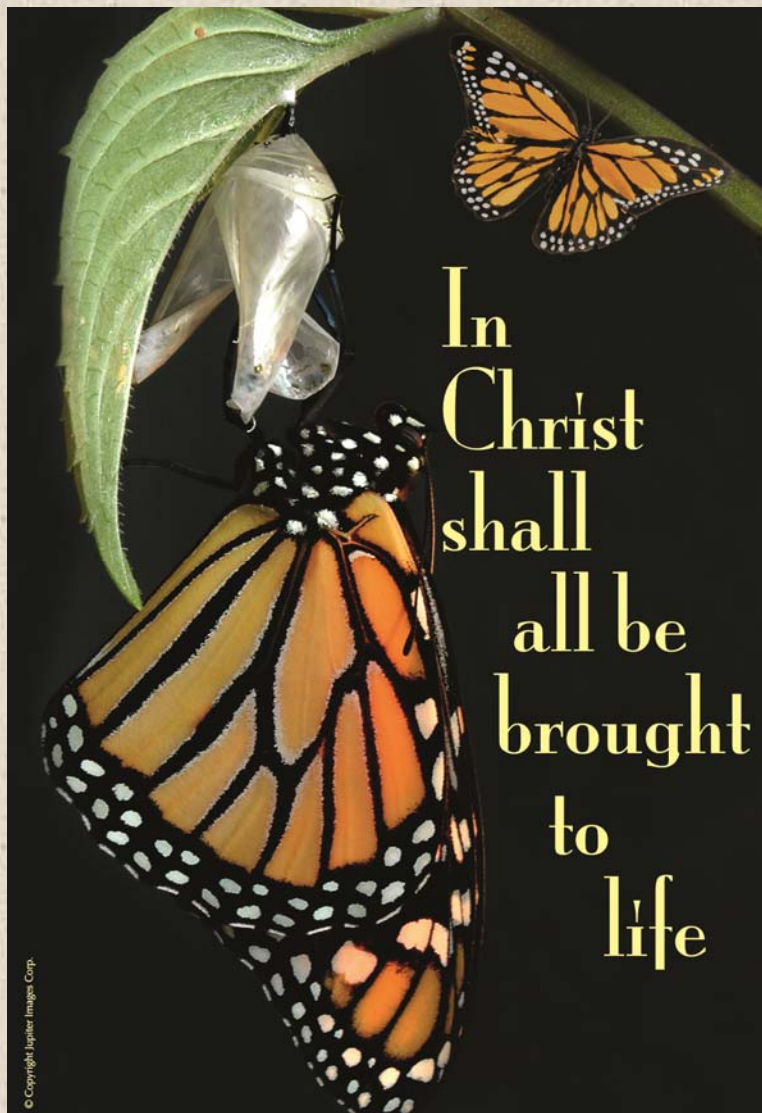
## OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

**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.



**Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of the Universe  
November 23, 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:

Today, the last Sunday in the liturgical year, we celebrate and proclaim Christ as our King. The readings invite us to reflect on the kind of king Christ is and what it means for us to truly say that we belong to his kingdom.

The first reading from Ezekiel talks about God as the shepherd of Israel. The kings of Israel were thought of as God's visible representatives and were given the divine title of shepherd. But many of them didn't live up to this responsibility.

Their leadership style differed from God's style. God's style was that of giving priority to the needs of the disadvantaged, especially their need for justice and empowerment.

The good news we celebrate today is that we have a King who pays attention to us and helps us not only when we are needy and disadvantaged, but especially when we are needy and disadvantaged.

The challenge for us today is to forget about our own needs for love and happiness and to reach out in love to make someone happy who may be in greater need.

For whatever we do to the least of these needy children of God, these brothers and sisters of Jesus, we do to Jesus Himself.

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



**"Lead us through Meditation to  
spiritual understanding, freedom and a new  
capacity to love."**

--Thomas Merton

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

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-3, 5-6;  
1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6;  
Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10-13; Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1-3ab, 7-9; Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Ps 100:1b-5;  
Lk 21:20-28  
Thanksgiving Day (suggested):  
Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9;  
Lk 17:11-19

Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11 — 21:2; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a;  
Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Rv 22:1-7; Ps 95:1-7ab; Lk 21:34-36

Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16,  
18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

**Regional Vocation Director:** Rev. Francis Ilano  
St. Athanasius Church, Long Beach, 562-423-7986. Vo-  
cation information may be found at: [www.lavocations.org](http://www.lavocations.org).



### From Deacon Don's desk:

There are three ways one can become king: he might inherit kingship from his father; or he might become king through victory, defeating an enemy and taking land as his possession. We celebrate Christ King of the Universe for both reasons: He was made King by His Father and made sovereign over the whole universe by the One who made it all. He is King as well through victory; He defeated the forces of evil and death through His Cross and Resurrection and freed the universe from Satan's power.

But there is a third way we might become kings: Through the assent of His people. The people must acclaim him king and follow his command. Though Jesus is King of the Universe, He still works to win the fidelity of His people. He tells Pilate in the Gospel: "Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to My voice." Our challenge is to follow His command and thus belong to the truth and that Kingdom. **OUR PRAYER:** Lord Jesus, we acknowledge You as the King of the universe and ask You to exercise upon us all Your rights. Help us to offer You all our actions that all hearts may acknowledge Your Sacred Kingship. Amen



Thanksgiving Mass will be at 9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Day. You are welcome to bring your Thanksgiving celebration bread to Mass to be blessed.

### Advent Reflection

A moment of stopping, reflecting and rediscovering our personal journey.

All are invited!

Saturday, December 6, 9 a.m. to noon  
Facilitated by the Verbum Dei Mission-  
ary Sisters.



**We are called to radiate the love of Jesus Christ to all the world!** However, this divine love only comes through a personal relationship with our Lord and Savior. In this website, [www.radiate.la](http://www.radiate.la), we will learn how to love God with our head through spiritual reading, with our heart through deep prayer, and with our hands through humble service. May God Bless us one and all.

**Catholic Campaign for Human Development Col-  
lection 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

**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 &amp; 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 &amp; 12/28 for Early Childhood, Elementary and Confirmation

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



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 [ginny67@gmail.com](mailto:ginny67@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.

**WOMEN'S MEDITATION**

Every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

Parish Life Center Chapel

(Will resume in January.)

**Did You Know? Archdiocese implements strict policies for children's safety** - The Archdiocese of Los Angeles has implemented rigorous policies and procedures to provide a safe environment in our parishes and parish schools for all children and young people. These include: Zero Tolerance; Guidelines for adults working or volunteering with minors; Archdiocese of Los Angeles boundary guidelines for junior high and high school youth working or volunteering with children or youth; and Megan's Law compliance procedures. To view these and other policies visit: <http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting>.

**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**

**IPOD Raffle Tickets** 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

**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 23 Topic: Preparing for Advent – Ideas for Home.

**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](mailto:sfcuda@yahoo.com), or [OCCursillo.org](http://OCCursillo.org)*

**“Jesus is Lord” BIBLE STUDY**

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

Topic: Book of John

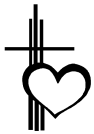
Come and learn through the powerful and relevant teachings by Fr. Jim Nisbet as he leads us on a journey through this fascinating book. (Great fellowship, too!)

Information: Rita Smith 562- 533-1243

**Capital Campaign for Parish Life Center remodel -**

We are well on our way in achieving our goal of renovation. So far, we have **\$168,295** 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.





## ST. JOSEPH SENIORS

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

**Dec. 1** - Social/game gathering

**Dec. 15** - 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.

### **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.

### **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](mailto:jgianessi@sjknights.net) to receive an application or set up an appointment with Mrs. Alvarez our principal.

*"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, . . . naked and you clothed me." Mt 25:35*



### **Thanksgiving Food and Blanket Distribution**

- Our sincerest gratitude to everyone who contributed their time, talent, and treasure to brighten the Thanksgivings and bring hope to 81 families this weekend! Drivers, PLEASE turn in your completed family information sheets to the parish office TODAY, so we may begin to organize our Christmas Gift Drive for these children.

**Dec. 6-7 Christmas Gift Drive:** Giving Trees will be in the church with envelopes to purchase a gift for a child. *Return the following weekend.*

**Dec. 20 Christmas Food and Gift Distribution:** 8:30 a.m. in the hall. Thanksgiving drivers, please let us know if you will NOT be available to distribute for Christmas. Call Amy, 427-5917.

**Skip-a-Meal Donations:** Please be especially mindful during our holiday season. There are many wonderful opportunities to serve during the holiday season. Please call Tim Clark 431-4385.

**Concern America** thanks everyone who made a purchase last Sunday. 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](http://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](mailto:info@catholicvolunteernetwork.org). Or check out the web-site [www.catholicvolunteernetwork.org](http://www.catholicvolunteernetwork.org).

### **November - National Adoption Awareness Month!**

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

**Music Scholarship Auditions** at Mount St. Mary's College, 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](http://www.msmc.la.edu/undergraduate-bachelor-programs/music/music-scholarship-auditions.asp)

## Mass Intentions



### 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

### MONDAY, November 24

8:00 a.m. - † Jonathan Patriarca

### TUESDAY, November 25

8:00 a.m. - † Paul Vadasz

### WEDNESDAY, November 26

8:00 a.m. - † Romeo Tupas

### THURSDAY, November 27

9:00 a.m. - † Ed and Mary Jane Merk

### FRIDAY, November 28

8:00 a.m. - † Nicholas D'Amore

### SATURDAY, November 29

5:00 p.m. - † Edward and Mary Dondero

### SUNDAY, November 30

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

9:00 a.m. - † Anthony Ursano

10:30 a.m. - † Lannie Fiamengo

12:30 p.m. - † Zenon Popinski

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:

<b>Glen Warren</b>	<b>Nick Compton</b>
<b>Joseph Comfort</b>	<b>Irene Avila</b>
<b>Scott Williams</b>	<b>Justin Ray</b>
<b>Timothy Ring</b>	<b>Adam Mariano</b>
<b>Obinna Ugochukwu</b>	<b>David Waidelich</b>
<b>Timmy Allison</b>	<b>Michael Marchante</b>
<b>Jason Kaufmann</b>	<b>Nicky Kaufmann</b>
<b>John Landry</b>	<b>Jessica Landry</b>
<b>Dillon Schad</b>	<b>Kyle Shea</b>
<b>Devin Conway</b>	

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, 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 Ensich, Mike Brio, Bob Gomez, Bill Pearce, Noel Devine, Dick Vickers, Lydia Tovar, Nadia Garcia, Estella Exacoustos, Carrie Colodel, 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	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	Sister Eva	594-4657
BIBLE STUDY	Rita Smith	533-1243
BAPTISM PREPARATION	Olga Cuda	594-4657
BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY	Dave Desmond	429-3316
	Charlotte Morrison	439-7733
	Marie Mitchell	310-490-4012
MEDITATION		
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](mailto:bulletin@stjosephlb.org)