



# 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.  
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.



**Be watchful! Be alert!**  
**You do not know when the time will come.**

— Mark 13:33

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**First Sunday of Advent**  
**November 30, 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:

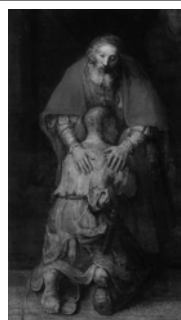
During this time of Advent we prepare for and celebrate the fact that God has returned to us in the person of Jesus. And He promises to return again, not just in some apocalyptic fashion at the end of time, but He returns to us

each day.

He comes to us each day in those who love us when we don't feel very loveable. He comes to us in those who care for us when we are ill. And sometimes He comes to us in those who admonish us when we need improvement.

Jesus tells us in the Gospel to be watchful, to be alert. We need to recognize and to welcome God's presence in our lives. Advent challenges us to prepare and to be alert.

This Advent let us take the opportunity of waiting in prayer, reflecting on our lives and continuing to become the person that God is calling us to be.



### Advent Penance Service

This coming Advent season, let us take this opportunity to strengthen our relationship with Christ through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**Tuesday, December 16, 7:00 p.m.**

### Capital Campaign for Parish Life Center remodel -

We are well on our way in achieving our goal of renovation. So far, we have **\$177,925** 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.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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
Monday:	Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday:	Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday:	Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday:	Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday:	Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday:	Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday:	Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

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



### From Deacon Don's desk:

The season of Advent begins the new liturgical year. Advent focuses on the two "comings" of Christ, His birth and His return (second coming). In last year's Reading #1 Isaiah (2:1-5) pleads with the people to "walk in the light of the Lord."

He offers **hope** to God's people in view of the threat of the Assyrians, hope that God has a plan for His people. This year's first reading (Isaiah 63: 61-17 and 64:2-7) ends with a beautiful metaphor that describes the Lord's relationship with His people Israel: "We are the clay, and You are our **potter**; we are all the work of Your hands." We must wait for the Lord. In our waiting moments we should take up the words of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta and continue to do the "corporal works of mercy," feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the sick and imprisoned, give drink to the thirsty; this is what she calls the "**five-fingered Gospel**." To better understand it she raises her hand and says words you will hear from Jesus: "**You did it to Me**," five words that give us the meaning of the Gospel verse MT 25:35.

OUR PRAYER: God of mercy, teach us to live in and with Your Liturgical Year. Help us to be filled with sentiments of joy proper to Advent and to prepare fittingly for the renewed birth of Your Son in our hearts. Amen

### 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 Missionary Sisters.



**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.



### 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)*

**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:**

11/30 – 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.)

**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.

**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**Adult Faith Formation - Human Trafficking Ministry**

Pope Francis has declared the theme for World Peace Day, January 1, 2015 will be human trafficking. He has expressed that the trafficking of persons is a “crime against humanity and must be stopped.” St. Joseph's community has formed a ministry to bring awareness and action on this exploitation of humanity. All those interested in this ministry, please join us at our next meeting on **December 16, 7:30p.m.** in the Parish Life Center. For further information, please contact Marianna Wescott, [wescottfam@yahoo.com](mailto:wescottfam@yahoo.com) or 562-421-7119.

**“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

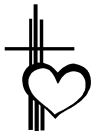
**We are called to radiate the love of Jesus Christ to**

**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.

**Did You Know? Archdiocese offers program to empower children**

- Child sexual abuse prevention includes empowering children by teaching them body safety rules and steps they can take to ensure their own safety. The Archdiocese of Los Angeles currently offers the following age-appropriate prevention programs for children: VIRTUS® Teaching Touching Safety; Good-Touch/Bad-Touch®; Archdiocese of Los Angeles Self-Protection Program Grades 1-12. Parishes/schools can select from the programs listed above. All these programs encourage parent involvement in reinforcing what their children learn by providing parent information and materials so that parents may fulfill their role as the “primary educators” of their children. For information visit: [www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/safeguard/Pages/education.aspx](http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/safeguard/Pages/education.aspx) or call (213) 637-7460.





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

*"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." Mt 25:40.*



### **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 Nov. 22!

**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.*



**Giving Tree**

**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.

**A Precious Christmas - Precious Life Shelter's Annual Open House December 7, 3:30 - 6:30 p.m.**  
10881 Reagan St., Los Alamitos - caroling, music, refreshments, opportunity items, tours. Questions? Please call 562-431-2025.

**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 website [www.catholicvolunteernetwork.org](http://www.catholicvolunteernetwork.org).

### **Holiday Boutique at Our Lady of Refuge, Dec. 6-7**

A variety of vendors offering quality items, hand made jewelry and accessories, holiday decorations, and unique items. Food items for sale. Questions? Contact 597-3102.

**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 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

### MONDAY, December 1

8:00 a.m. - † Mary Dondero

### TUESDAY, December 2

8:00 a.m. - † Maria Hai Dang

### WEDNESDAY, December 3

8:00 a.m. - † Nicholas D'Amore

### THURSDAY, December 4

8:00 a.m. - † Cynthia Chadwick

### FRIDAY, December 5

8:00 a.m. - † Phyllis Branigan

### SATURDAY, December 6

5:00 p.m. - † Nicholas D'Amore

### SUNDAY, December 7

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

9:00 a.m. - † Madalyne Ursano

10:30 a.m. - † Halina Kamocha

12:30 p.m. - † Patrick Corry

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
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	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:

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PLANNING

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PRECIOUS LIFE SHELTER

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## 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)